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Character Introduction

YUE

NOW THE HEAD OF THE MAGIC DEPARTMENT, HE CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO BE VERY STRICT WITH EVERYONE ELSE.

SYLTHFARN

THE MASTER WIZARD OF VIEGALD. MISSING THROUGHOUT OUR STORY, HE IS NOW KNOWN TO BE DEAD.

VAITH

A LOYAL FOLLOWER OF THE MASTER WIZARD AS WELL AS CAPTAIN OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS. HANDSOME AND DECEPTIVELY SMOOTH.

GLENN

IN ADDITION TO SERVING THE MASTER WIZARD, THIS SWEET PRIEST PROVIDES EDUCATION TO MANY OF THE TOWN'S CHILDREN.

FERN

ANOTHER DISCIPLE OF THE MASTER WIZARD. BECAUSE HE IS FROM A HAHZE FAMILY, HE HAS AN UNUSUALLY STRONG RESISTANCE TO MAGICAL SPELLS.

MERLEAWE

A BRAVE YOUNG GIRL WHO AGREED TO POSE AS THE MISSING SYLTHFARN UNTIL HE COULD BE FOUND. BOTH POSITIVE AND CHEERFUL, SHE TACKLED HER MOST UNUSUAL MISSION WITH DETERMINATION!

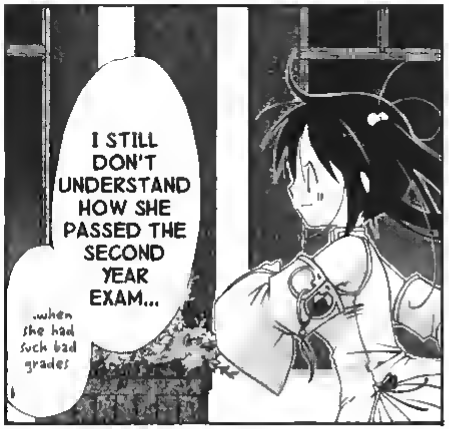
STORY

JUST AS SHE BEGAN TO STUDY MAGIC, MERLEAWE WAS CALLED UPON TO POSE AS SYLTHFARN, THE MASTER WIZARD OF THE KINGDOM OF VIEGALD, SINCE SHE BORE SUCH A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO HIM. CAUGHT UP IN A WORLD SHE DID NOT KNOW, SHE STRUGGLED TO DO HER BEST WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF SYLTHFARN'S FOLLOWERS. BUT WITH THE SUDDEN DEATH OF SYLTHFARN, MERLEAWE IS NO LONGER NEEDED TO PLAY THE ROLE AND SHE LEAVES THE CASTLE TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE.

Episode.40
SEE YOU ALL LATER!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
MISS MEL?
IT'S MEI TIRIKA!

WHO CARES? SHE'S ALWAYS GOT ANTS IN HER PANTS!
WHY WAS SHE IN SUCH A HURRY?


I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SHE PASSED THE SECOND YEAR EXAM...
...when she had such bad grades

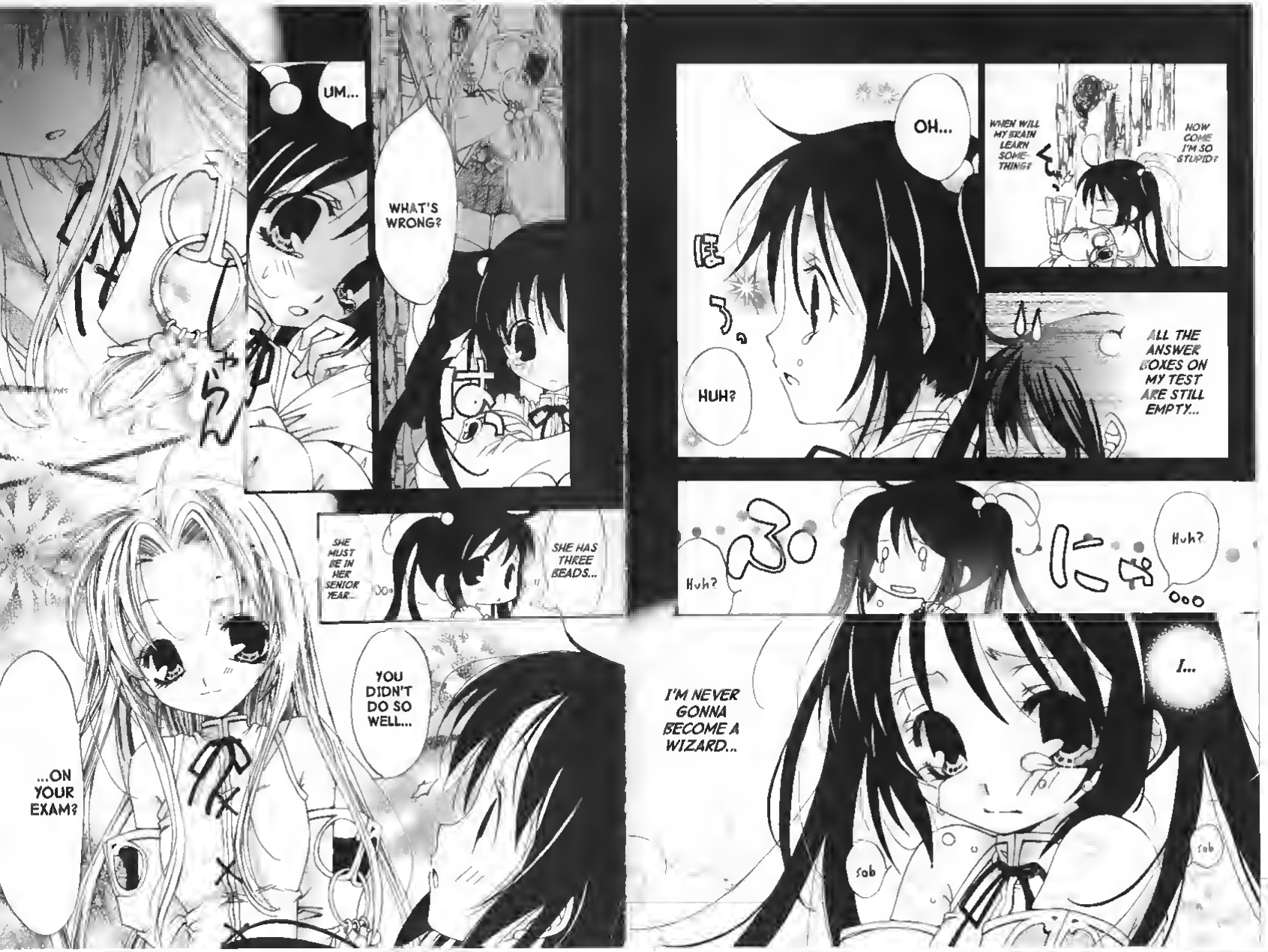
TRUE, BUT I WAS HOPING SHE'D CALM DOWN A BIT NOW THAT SHE'S ENROLLED AT THE WIZARD SCHOOL.
NO WAY. THAT PLACE ONLY RILES HER UP MORE.

I KNOW ...
It's a mystery...

IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE I ENTERED WIZARD SCHOOL.
MISS MEL'S THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S INSPIRED ME TO REALLY APPLY MYSELF TO STUDYING.

OF COURSE!
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE!

wah!
Dww... that hurt!
BE QUIET!
BY THE WAY, I HEARD THAT YOU MANAGED TO PASS YOUR EXAM.
CONGRATULATIONS.
Miss Louie?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THIS CLASS IS FOR SENIORS. AND BESIDES, MEL'S NOT HERE YET, YOU SILLY GIRL.
YOU BETTER GIVE MEL A BIG THANK YOU!


UM...
WHAT'S WRONG?
...ON YOUR EXAM?
YOU DIDN'T DO SO WELL...
SHE MUST BE IN HER SENIOR YEAR...
SHE HAS THREE BEADS...
OH...
HUH?
WHEN WILL MY BRAIN LEARN SOMETHING?
HOW COME I'M SO STUPID?
ALL THE ANSWER BOXES ON MY TEST ARE STILL EMPTY...
Huh?
Huh?
I'M NEVER GONNA BECOME A WIZARD...
I...
sob
sob

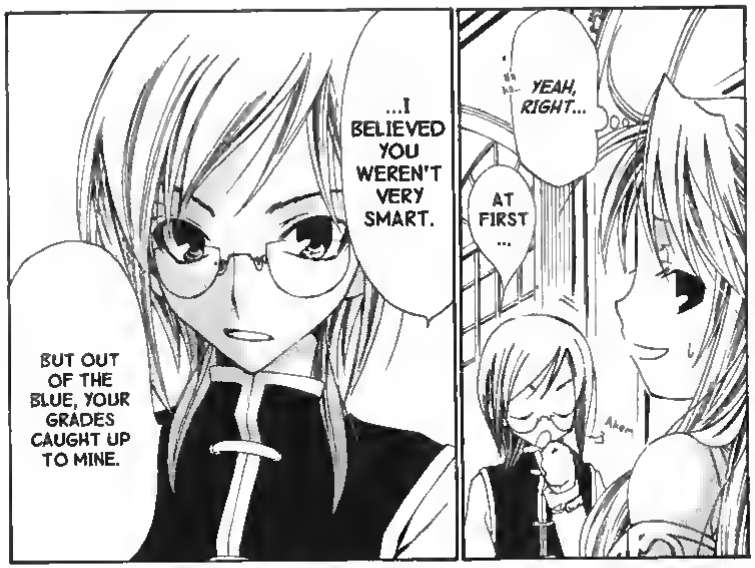
HERE, LET ME SEE.
That's pretty bad...
ELEVEN POINTS
HA! THAT'S THE SAME KIND OF TERRIBLE SCORE I USED TO GET!
It sure brings back memories.
FEAR NOT!
THERE'S AT LEAST ONE PERSON OUT THERE WHO STILL BECAME A WIZARD EVEN AFTER THEY REPEATEDLY SCORED ZERO ON THEIR EXAMS!
Eh ?!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
Here you go.

!!
?
...TO BECOME A WIZARD NOW!
sob
I...
I...
I...
I...
I'M NEVER GONNA BE ABLE...
Heh...

MISS MEL SAVED ME THAT DAY.
SHE'S AT THE TOP OF HER CLASS. SHE'S ALWAYS SO PRETTY WITH HER GORGEOUS SILVER HAIR.
I...
...ADMIRE HER SO VERY MUCH.
IT'S TRUE!
You'll be Fine!
PLEASE COME ASK ME ANYTHING WHEN YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OKAY?

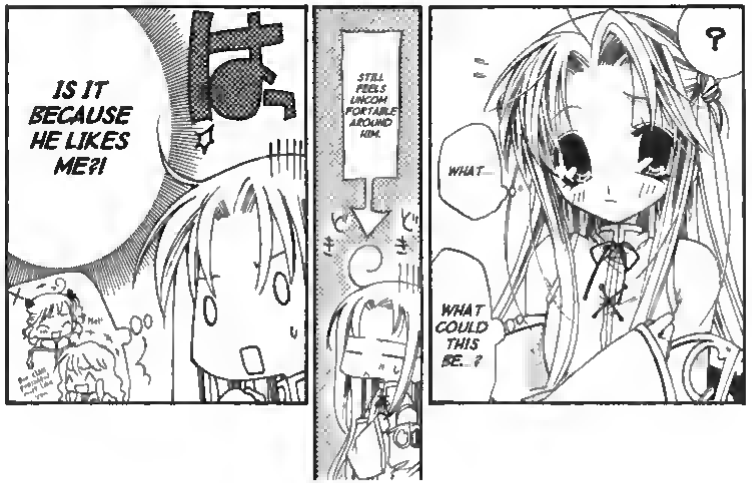
I'M GOING TO...
...MISS YOU SO MUCH, MISS MEL.
SHE'S ABOUT TO GRADUATE.

OKAY ...
HURRY BACK TO YOUR CLASSROOM. I'LL TELL MEL THAT YOU WERE HERE.
OH! THAT'S THE BELL!
"GRADUATION"
"GRADUATION CEREMONY SCHEDULE."
MISS MEL...


...I BELIEVED YOU WEREN'T VERY SMART.
BUT OUT OF THE BLUE, YOUR GRADES CAUGHT UP TO MINE.
YEAH, RIGHT...
AT FIRST ...
Ahem

OH, HEY!
REMEMBER THE REGIONAL DEBATE CONTEST LAST FALL?!
OKAY...
YOU NEED SKILL AND TALENT AS WELL, AND YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE THOSE, TOO.
OF COURSE, IT TAKES MORE THAN STUDYING HARD TO BECOME A WIZARD.
HONESTLY, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD MAKE IT.

MEL?
...FOR A SECOND?
MAY I TALK TO YOU...
CLASS PRESI-DENT?
What's going on?


IS IT BECAUSE HE LIKES ME?!
STILL FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE AROUND HIM.
?
WHAT...
WHAT COULD THIS BE...?

REALLY? WHAT IS HIS POINT?
WHY ARE HIS STORIES ALWAYS SO LONG!
YOU WERE AN AMAZING DEBATER.
IN FACT, YOUR PRESENCE REALLY ENCOURAGED ME.
NOW WE'RE BOTH ABOUT TO GRADUATE.
I CAN'T REALLY CALL YOU A STRANGER ANYMORE.
WAIT A MINUTE! IS HE ABOUT TO CONFESS HIS TRUE FEELINGS FOR ME BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO GRAOUATE?!
Eh?!
!
BUT WHAT'S MY REASON...? IS THERE ANY GOOD REASON?
OKAY! I JUST HAVE TO SAY, "I'M SORRY!"
AGH! WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!
UMM...
ARGH!!
Hmm...
WAIT! NO! I CAN'T USE SUCH A STUPID ANSWER...!
"LET'S BE FRIENDS!"
HE'S GOING TO GET HURT!
somebody help me!
All right
GRIP
Okay.
What should I do...?!

HUH? WAS I WRONG?
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING..
..to me?
What in the world?
and I misread him?
A FAVOR ...?
I HAVE A SMALL FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
YUE...

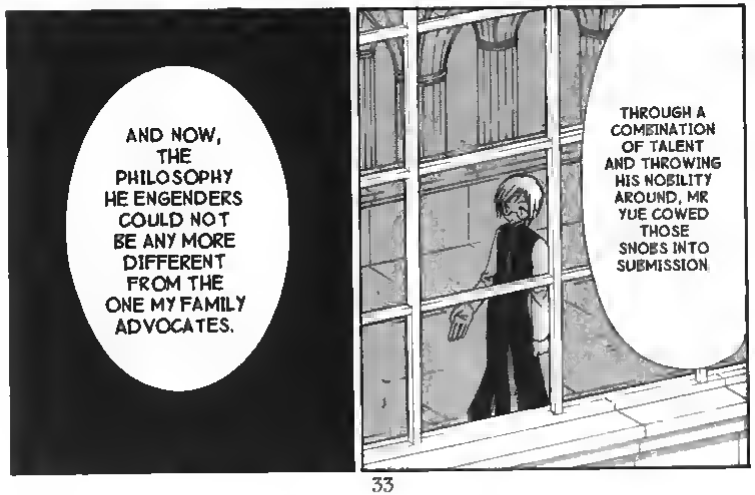
MEL!
I-I'M SORRY!
HUH?
AH...!

Episode.41
WILL YOU BRING ME TO SEE...
...MR. YUE AGAIN?

MY...
WHY?
HE'S NOT IN LOVE WITH ME!
Thank goodness!!
MY ONLY GOAL IS TO BECOME LIKE MR. YUE.
I, TOO, COME FROM A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.

WILL YOU BRING ME TO SEE...
...MR. YUE AGAIN?
TO SEE YUE?

LIKE THE MASTER WIZARD, HIS MAJESTY AWARDED THEM THEIR POSITIONS BASED ON MERIT.
ALTHOUGH MR. YUE IS FROM A NOBLE FAMILY, HE DID NOT ATTAIN HIS POSITION THROUGH HIS RANK.
MR. YUE WAS DIFFER-ENT.


AND NOW, THE PHILOSOPHY HE ENGENDERS COULD NOT BE ANY MORE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE MY FAMILY ADVOCATES.
THROUGH A COMBINATION OF TALENT AND THROWING HIS NOBILITY AROUND, MR YUE COWED THOSE SNOBS INTO SUBMISSION.

NATURALLY, I WOULD BE HONORED TO CARRY OUR NAME FORWARD. MY FAMILY SUPPORTS ME.
BUT EVER SINCE THE WIZARD SCHOOL WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC, COMMONERS HAVE STARTED WORKING IN THE PALACE.
MANY NOBLES FEEL DISGUSTED THAT LOWLY COMMONERS WORK BESIDE THEM.
SADLY, I WAS TAUGHT TO FEEL THAT WAY AS WELL.
BUT...

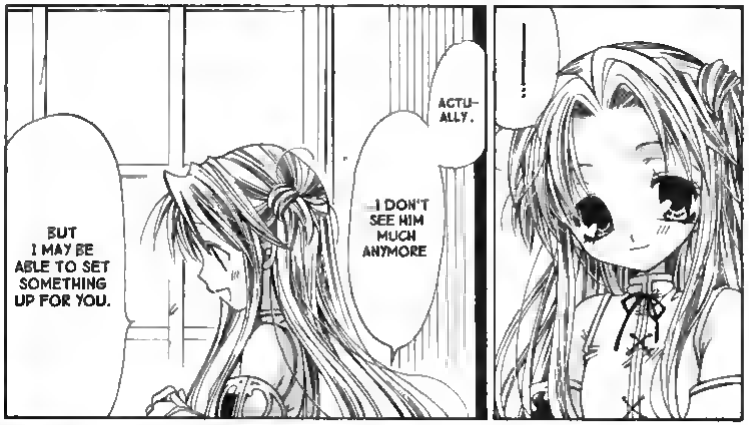
...WORSHIPS YUE.
BUT, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...
..WHEN YOU SEE HIM?
I DON'T THINK MR. YUE WOULD CARE TO HEAR YOU DESCRIBE IT LIKE THAT.
YOU MEAN ..YOU HOPE TO GET A JOB WITH HIM THROUGH MY CONNECTION?
I'M GOING TO ASK HIM TO BUY ME!
To buy you?
?!
PEOPLE WHO RELY ON DISTINGUISHED ANCESTRY ALONE AND FAIL TO WORK HARD TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS ARE UGLY.
THAT'S WHY...
MR. YUE TAUGHT ME THAT ESSENTIAL LESSON
...MY GOAL IS TO WORK ALONG-SIDE MR. YUE!
HE PRACTI-CALLY..
MR. YUE IS THE PERSON I ADMIRE MOST!

IT SHOULD BE...
...RIGHT AROUND HERE
OH!

HE'S THERE!

MAYBE I'LL GET TO SEE...
...EVERYONE...

I ALREADY KNOW HE WON'T HIRE ME.
BUT I STILL WANT TO TRY.


ACTU-ALLY.
I DON'T SEE HIM MUCH ANYMORE
BUT I MAY BE ABLE TO SET SOMETHING UP FOR YOU.
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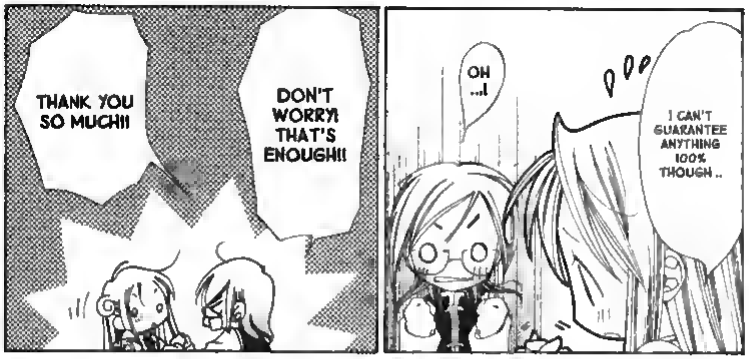
DON'T WORRY! THAT'S ENOUGH!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
OH ...I
I CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING 100% THOUGH..

GLENN!
WHAT..
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
I didn't think this through!
AH!
Let's run

M-MER-LEAWE?!
LONG TIME NO SEE, GLENN!
PLEASE COME SIT WITH US.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
INDEED! TWO WHOLE YEARS!
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OH...
WHO IS SHE?
IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?
FATHER?
There's something familiar about this situation

I'M NOT WRONG, AM I?
EH?!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
Yeah
Well... umm...
Sparkle!
I SEE.
SO YOU WILL BE GRADUATING VERY SOON.

WELL. LET'S GO, THEN!
EH?!
I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT YOU CAN SEE YUE TODAY.
BUT WE SHOULD AT LEAST TRY, RIGHT?
EH?
Umm
EH?
THE CASTLE ...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU USED TO GO THERE EVERYDAY.

...AND IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT...
...I DON'T BELONG HERE ANYMORE.
PLEASE SIT DOWN. I'LL MAKE SOME TEA.
Oh Okay
HEY, GLENN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE TEACHING KIDS IN TOWN TODAY ...!

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO DO THIS?
.....
MER-LEAWE?
Y...
YES!
ALTHOUGH I LEARNED SO MANY THINGS THERE...

SHE'S REAL.
ARE YOU REAL?!
Hey! Stop that!
Ouch!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL!
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE YOU LEFT!
Yeah! Stop being rude to the girl!
WOW!
LONG TIME NO SEE!
YEP!
Heh.
Heh.
VAITH, YOU LOOK WELL.
AH HA.
I SEE.

OH?!
MEL?!
ME...

HE RETURNED TO HIS VILLAGE TO CONTINUE HIS BODY DOUBLE TRAINING.
BUT LOSING HIS MASTER HAS BEEN PRETTY SEVERE.
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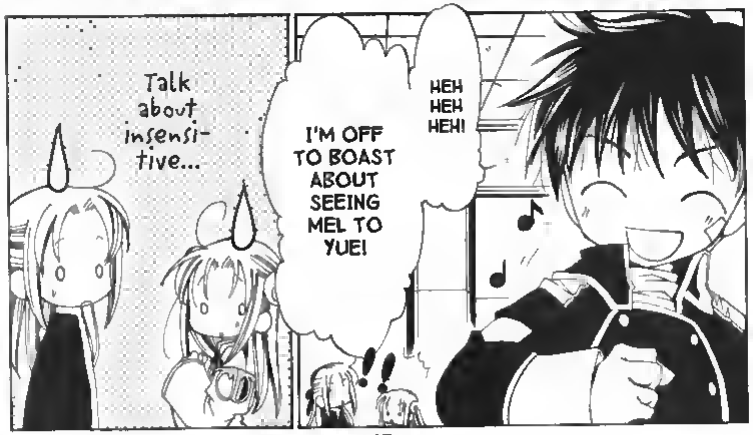
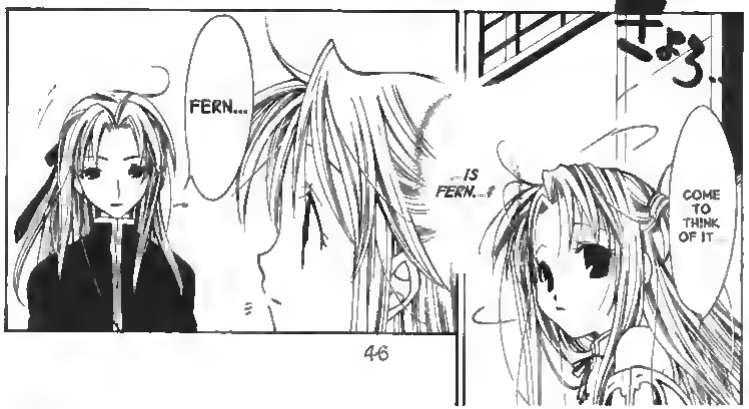

Talk about insensitive...
I'M OFF TO BOAST ABOUT SEEING MEL TO YUE!
HEH HEH HEH!

BUT IF HE'S SO BUSY, WILL HE HAVE TIME TO SEE MY CLASS PRESIDENT?
I'LL TELL YUE ALL ABOUT THIS WHEN I SEE HIM. HE'S BEEN PRETTY BUSY LATELY.
OKAY!
You got it!

You think so?
You
HE LIKES YOU, REMEMBER?
HE JUST MIGHT IF YOU ASK HIM.
I DON'T KNOW

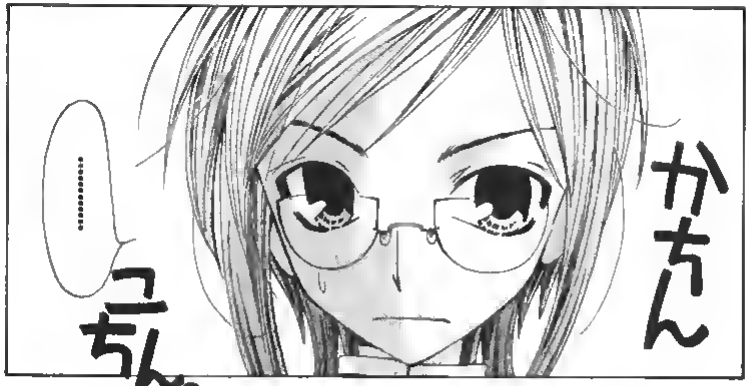

FERN...
...IS FERN...?
COME TO THINK OF IT

YOU KNOW WHY YOU WERE CALLED HERE TODAY. .
...DO YOU NOT?
YES.

THANK YOU FOR GRANTING ME SOME OF YOUR PRECIOUS TIME WHEN YOU MUST BE VERY BUSY--

HURRY UP!
GET TO THE POINT!

I REALLY HOPE..
VAITH STILL SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING EVERY MOMENT TO THE FULLEST.
THE CLASS PRESIDENT GETS A JOB HERE.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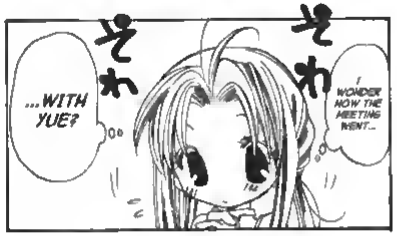
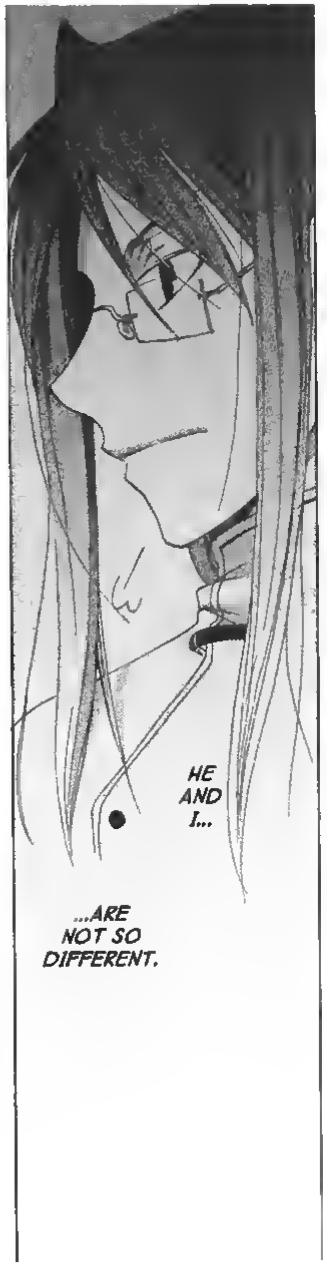
YOU MUST KNOW THAT NOW YOU MUST GRADUATE WITH TOP HONORS SINCE YOU STIPULATED THAT CONDITION
SO, WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK AND SEE ME...
...AFTER YOU GRADU-ATE?
!
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THIS...
...HANGING OVER MY HEAD.
OH...?

ASSU-MING I GRADUATE WITH TOP HONORS...
...WOULD YOU PLEASE MAKE ME ONE OF YOUR AIDES?!
WHAT OVERWHELMING AMBITION YOU MUST HAVE. IS THIS ALL YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
I UNDER-STAND THAT.
THERE ARE MANY, MANY BRILLIANT PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU IN THE MAGICAL MINISTRY.


...WITH YUE?
I WONDER HOW THE MEETING WENT...

MEL!!
EEK!


HE AND I...
...ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT.

...BUT HE'S THREATENING ME.
THIS YOUNG MAN SAID HE HAD A FAVOR TO ASK OF ME...
THIS IS INTERESTING.

YES, SIR!
I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES...
...BUT I DO APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE.
YOU MAY GO NOW.
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU.
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WHAT'S WITH HIM?
JEEZ.
Weird
Oh well.

ガバ
YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
I DID IT!
I HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH MR. YUEI
REALLY ?!
AND!
YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE! RIGHT?
I DON'T CARE IF I NEVER GET HIRED.
I HAVE NO REGRETS NOW.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU HAD ENOUGH COURAGE TO TRY!

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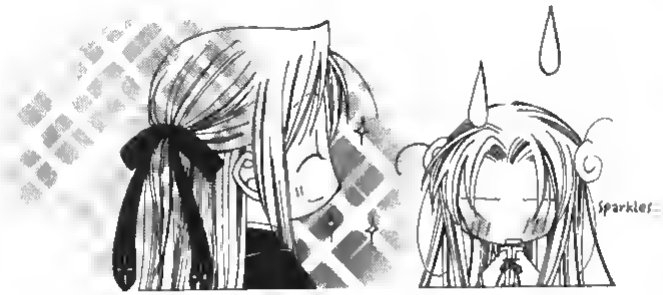

Sparkles

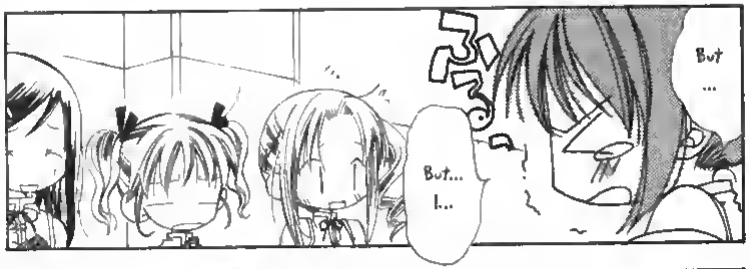
MASTER WIZARD...

...YOU'VE GONE INTO THE LIGHT AHEAD OF US.

I NEVER MET YOU...

...BUT I STILL WANT TO BE...

...JUST LIKE YOU.


But ...
But... I...

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT FROM HER?
I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH!

OH!

IT WAS DECIDED BY LOT!
I've been waiting for you
HEY! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PIN ONE ON ME!
PLEASE LET ME PIN A FLOWER ON YOU!
MISS MEL! ♡
But I already have one.

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!
MISS MEL!

THANK YOU, TIRIKA.
This girl needs a volume control

PROFES-SOR.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT IT?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WON'T HAVE A JOB UPON GRADUATION.
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A FAMILY BUSINESS TO RUN...
...AND YOU'RE THIRD IN YOUR CLASS.
YOU COULD EASILY FIND WORK IN THE MAGICAL MINISTRY.
.....
Graduating Third in Her Class and Still Unemployed
Big plans!

ARE YOU SURE?

NOO! MISS LOUIE!
PLEASE LET ME GO!
M i s s M e l !!!
OH NO YOU RE COMING WITH ME.
She is pretty dramatic

OH.
MEL?
A PROFESSOR WAS CALLING YOU HE ASKED YOU TO COME TO HIS ROOM.

'KAY.
THANKS.

I'M ALREADY EXHAUSTED
I HAVE TO GET READY FOR GRADUATION, TOO.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
HUH?
CLASS PRES-IDENT?
YOU WERE EAVES-DROPPING?
That's kind of rude
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT THAT SILLY TEACHER HAS TO SAY!

YET, YOU STILL THINK THAT "TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD TO STUDY" IS A SUITABLE OCCUPATION?!
I'VE... ...ALREADY DECIDED!
How many times do I have to explain this to him?
HE'S TOO STUBBORN.
BUT...
HE'S NOT GONNA UNDERSTAND THAT.
AND I WANT TO ONE DAY BE WITH EVERYONE IN THE CASTLE.
I WANT TO BE STRONG-ER...
...I WANT TO LEARN MORE...
OH! HEY!!
MERLEAWE!
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT?!
PROFESSOR, YOU HAD BETTER CHANGE YOUR ROBES OR YOU'LL BE LATE.

IT'S LIKE...
...YOU WERE LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.
IT'S LIKE HE CAN SEE THROUGH ME
WELL...
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WHAT ABOUT YOU?
IT'S JUST A THOUGHT I HAD.
URGH.
HUH?

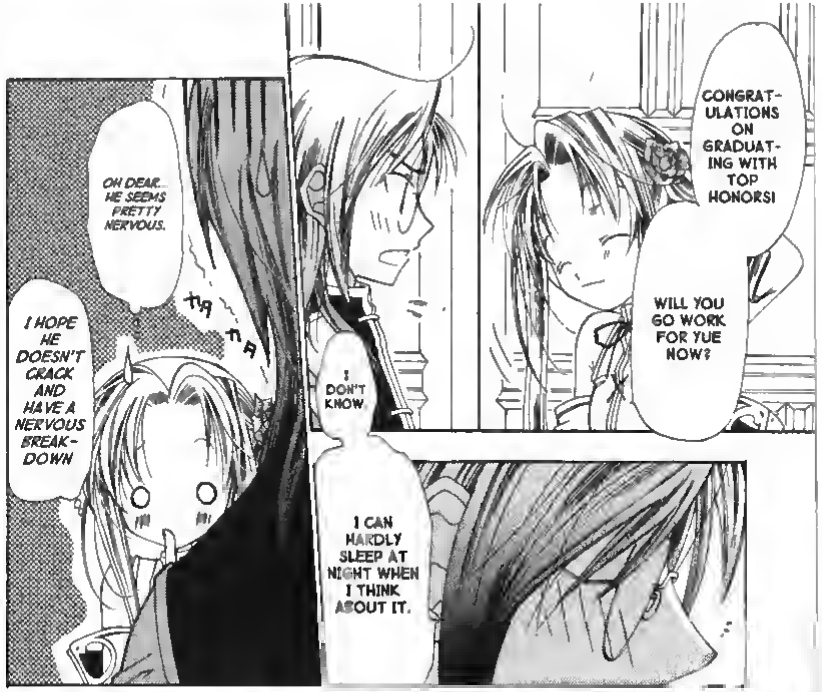
SOME-HOW...
...I KNOW YOU WON'T GO TO THE MAGICAL MINISTRY.
HUH?!

NO...I I NEVER WOULD THINK SUCH A THING!
I BET YOU STILL THINK I CAN'T HACK IT, DON'T YOU?!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN...
... WAY BACK WHEN WE STARTED...
TWO YEARS AGO

OH MY!
I HOPE I WASN'T TOO BRISK...

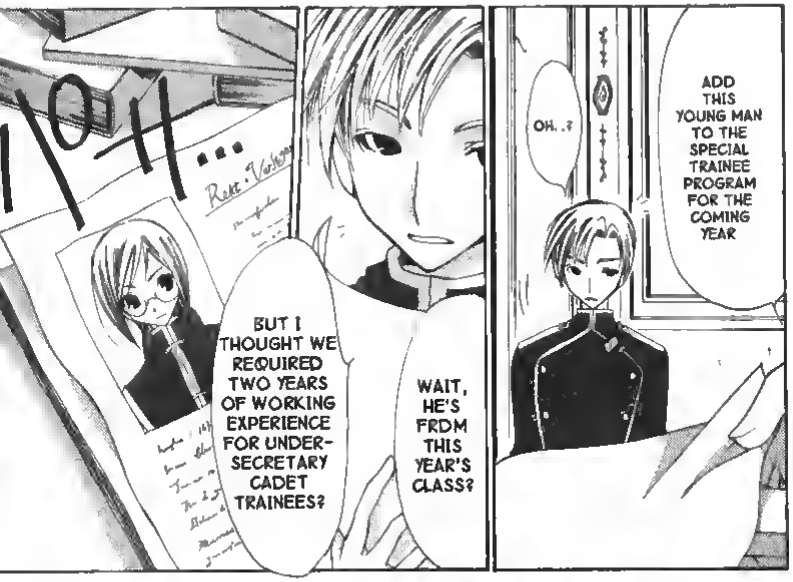
ARE YOU OKAY?!
OH NO!
WHAT?!
HUH?
Did I just hear some weird sound?

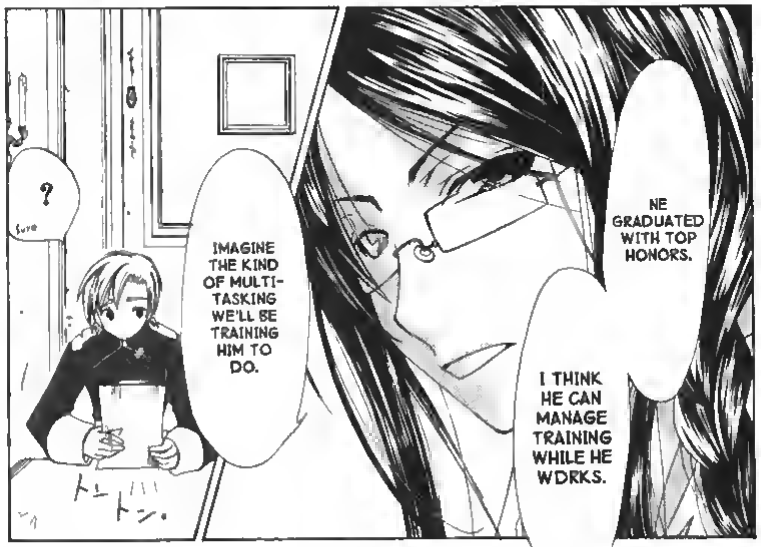

CONGRATULATIONS ON GRADUATING WITH TOP HONORS!
WILL YOU GO WORK FOR YUE NOW?
I DON'T KNOW.
I CAN HARDLY SLEEP AT NIGHT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT.
OH DEAR... HE SEEMS PRETTY NERVOUS.
I HOPE HE DOESN'T CRACK AND HAVE A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

...THAT'S LEFT IS THE GRADUATION ADDRESS
I SEE...
YOU'RE MAKING ME NERVOUS!!
WELL...
...GOOD LUCK WITH EVERYTHING!
Y-YOU, TOO...

CLASS PRESI-DENT?!
M-MY STOMACH...
WHAT IS THE MA-TER?!
IT HURTS ...
WELL, DUH! OF COURSE IT'S STRESS!
IS IT STRESS...?
LECTO!
WE'VE GOT TO GIVE A GRADUATION ADDRESS!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
PROFES-SOR...

WHAT?!
What did you say?!
IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE STAGE. .
...WOULD IT BE OKAY TO HAVE MERLEAWE DO IT...?
SHOCK
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT SMILE?!
WHAT THE HECK IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!


ADD THIS YOUNG MAN TO THE SPECIAL TRAINEE PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR
OH..?
WAIT, HE'S FROM THIS YEAR'S CLASS?
BUT I THOUGHT WE REQUIRED TWO YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE FOR UNDER-SECRETARY CADET TRAINEES?


NE GRADUATED WITH TOP HONORS.
I THINK HE CAN MANAGE TRAINING WHILE HE WORKS.
IMAGINE THE KIND OF MULTI-TASKING WE'LL BE TRAINING HIM TO DO.
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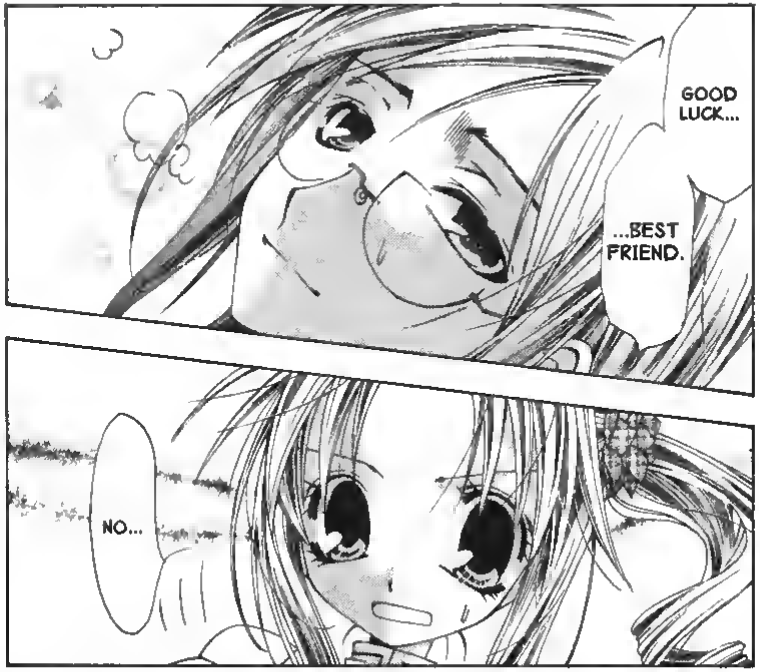
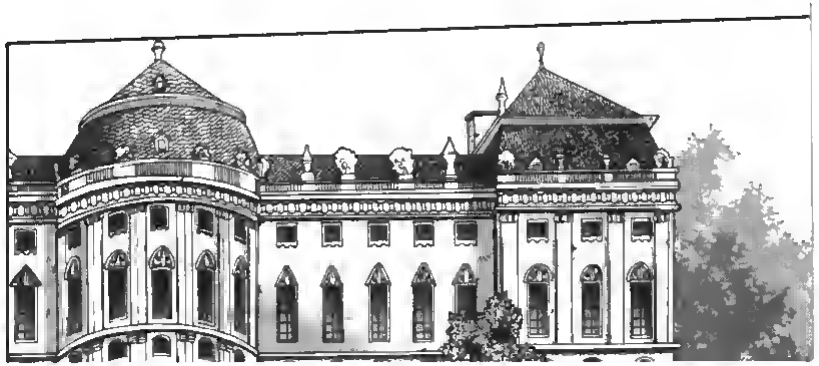
Sure



SOME BEST FRIEND!



I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING HIS SPEECH.
WE MUST GO, THEN
SPEAKING OF, THE GRADUATION CEREMONY IS BEGINNING SHORTLY.
OH.

SOMEONE NAMED MERLEAWE IS GIVING THE ADDRESS INSTEAD.
!!
I'M AFRAID HE FELL ILL AT THE LAST MINUTE.

!
Sigh...
NEXT, ONE OF OUR FINEST GRADUATES WILL GIVE THE ADDRESS.
GO, MELI
GOOD LUCK!
MISS MELI!

Great. even I don't want to listen to this
WHY IS THIS SO LONG?!
Sigh!
WE...
...WE CAME TO THIS SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN A MAGICAL EDU-CATION.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S WRONG, MEL?!
HUH?
MISS MEL?

...CLASS PRESI-DENT!
I'M HOLDING YOU RESPON-SIBLE...
WHY MUST I...
...GIVE A SPEECH IN FRONT OF YUE?!
VIP
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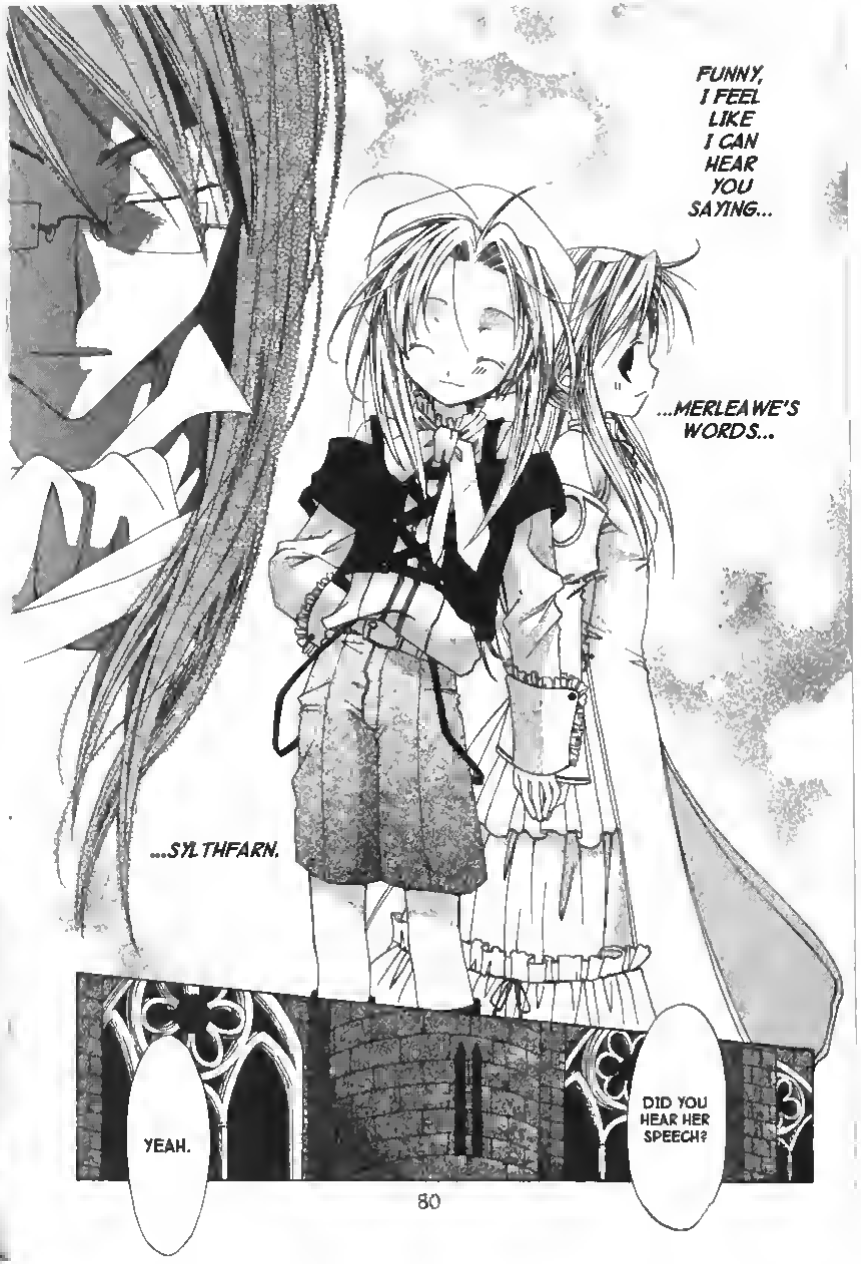
WE MUST ALL OFFER THANKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DAY WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO HOLD THESE CEREMONIES ON.
THE SEASON IN WHICH THE SOFT SPRING SUNLIGHT BATHES BEAUTIFUL VIEGALD HAS ARRIVED.

ANO ...
WE ARE ABOUT TO VENTURE OUT INTO THE WORLD AS REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL WHO USE MAGIC.
PEOPLE'S HEARTS DO.
...I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A WORLD IN WHICH ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD REACH FOR ONE ANOTHER'S HANOS
A WORLD IN WHICH ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD REACH FOR ONE ANOTHER'S HANDS...
I WILL NEVER FORGET...

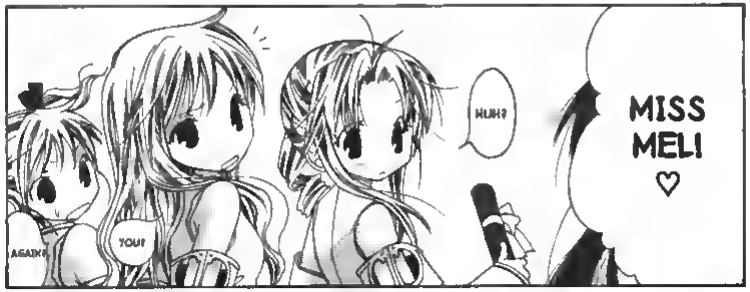
I CAME TO THIS CITY...ENTERED THIS SCHOOL... HAVE MET SO MANY PEOPLE...
WE'VE LEARNED MANY WAYS TO USE MAGIC.
YET MAGIC IN ITSELF OOESN'T MAKE US HAPPY.
IT'S SEEING IT USED WELL THAT MAKES US HAPPY.
HAPPY THINGS... SAD THINGS... JOYFUL THINGS... PAINFUL THINGS...
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED...
EACH ONE OF THEM IS A PRECIOUS MEMORY.
MAGIC DOES NOT CREATE MIRACLES.

THAT SPEECH WAS JUST LIKE HER, WASN'T IT?
FOR SURE
IT WAS JUST LIKE ME!!

It's pretty funny!
GETTING ALL FULL OF HERSELF!
HOW, HOW


FUNNY, I FEEL LIKE I CAN HEAR YOU SAYING...
...MERLEAWE'S WORDS...
...SYLTHFARN.
DID YOU HEAR HER SPEECH?
YEAH.

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT "UNITING THE WORLD"!
That's nice...
DID SHE UNDERSTAND ANYTHING?
!
Form... you outta be ashamed to walk in public
GIVE US SOME SPACE!
BACK OFF! THIS ISN'T A SHOW!
Wah!
He's naked!
Is he naked?


AGAIN?
YOU?
HUH?
MISS MEL!
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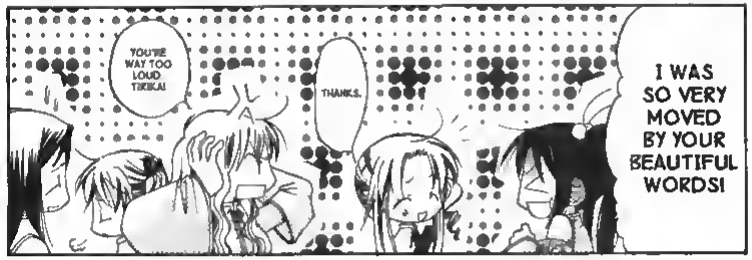
SILLY GEEK WITH GLASSES...?
YOU WERE SO MUCH BETTER THAN THAT SILLY GEEK WITH GLASSES WOULD HAVE BEEN!
GOOD JOB! TERRIFIC SPEECH!


YOU'RE WAY TOO LOUD TIKIKA!
THANKS.
I WAS SO VERY MOVED BY YOUR BEAUTIFUL WORDS!

FERN?!
GLENN?!
EH?
CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUA-TION.
MEL.
YES, CONGRAT-ULATIONS.

HEE HEE..
BUT I'M ONLY DRESSED UP BECAUSE I JUST CAME BACK FROM MY HOMETOWN
TH-TH-THANK YOU!
GOSH, WHAT IF HE GETS TALLER THAN ME?
I'LL BE EVEN TALLER IN TWO YEARS!
WELL, YOU LOOK GREAT!
YOU'RE GROWING UP, FERN!
FERN.
OH! THAT'S RIGHT!
MEL! I NEED YOU TO COME OUTSIDE WITH US!
EH?

WHY?
HURRY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HE'S COMING!
HUH?
What's coming?
WE MADE IT IN TIME.
THE BLACK KNIGHTS?!
Look! The black knights!!
VAITH?!

VAITH IS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON NOW.
NOW, NOW..
CREEP!
PBTH

OH YEAH?
THE GENERAL IS TOO GRAND TO SEE US?
Well
AT LEAST HE DEIGNED TO PAY US A VISIT.

I HAVE A RIGHT TO BE MYSELF, NO MATTER WHAT MY RANK IS!
BLUSH
BIG WORDS, FERN!

NMPH! HE SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN OFF THAT HORSE AND GREETED US!
WHAT WAS WITH THAT STUPID WINK?

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AW, JEEZ.
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!

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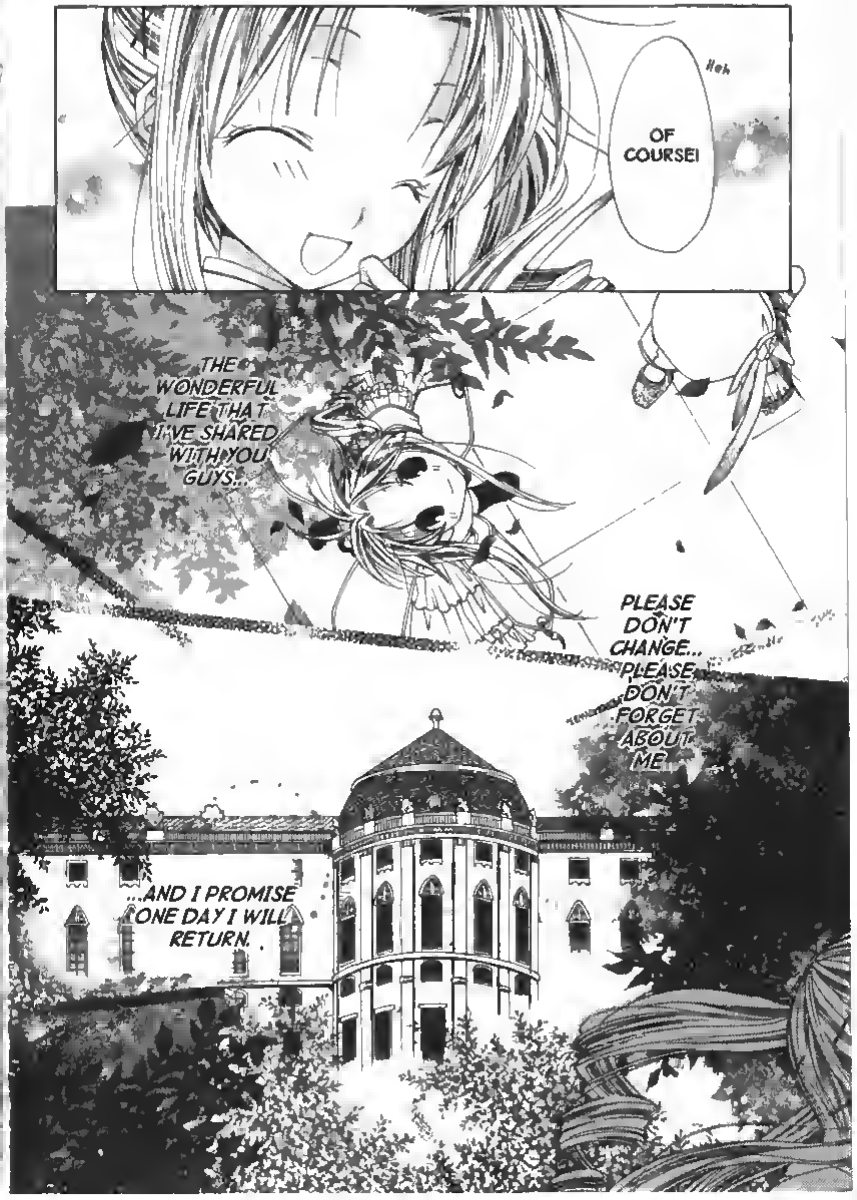
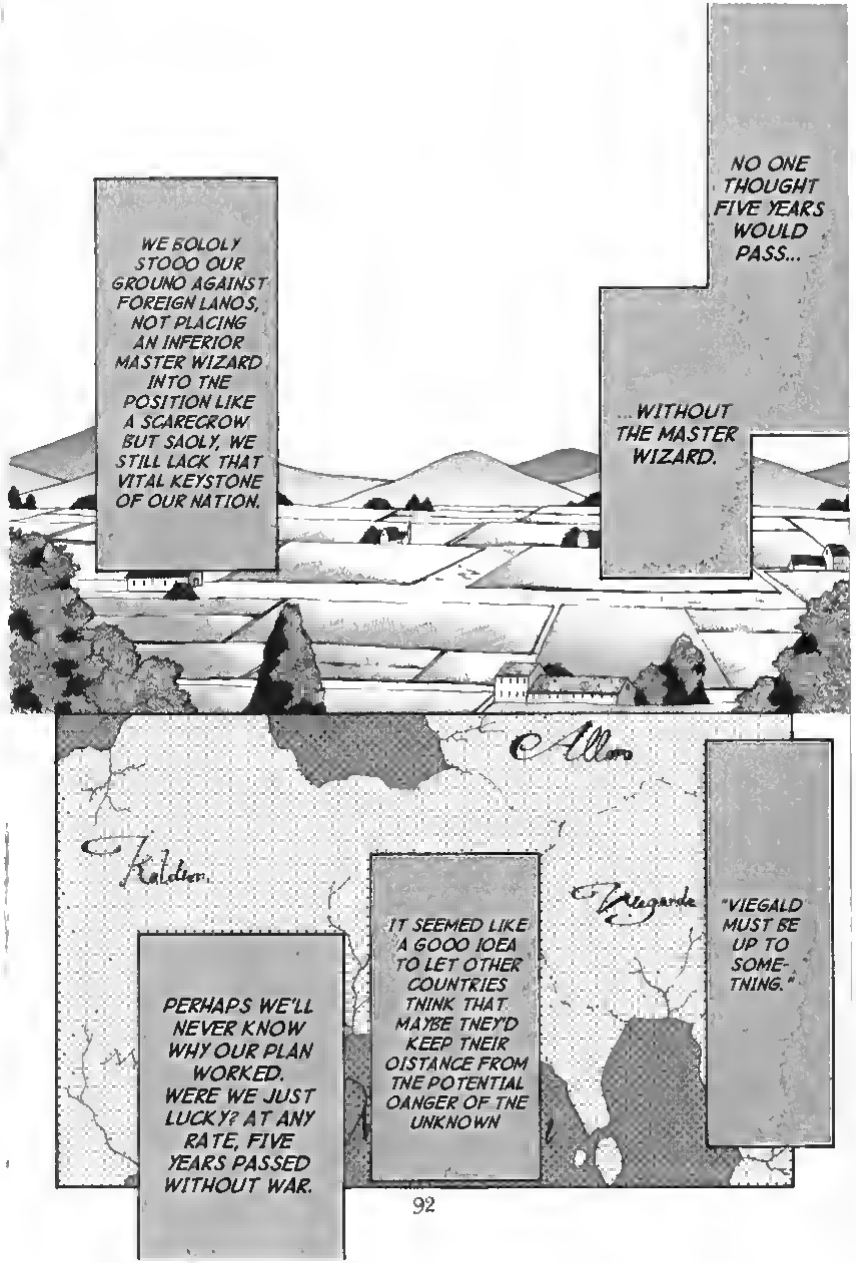
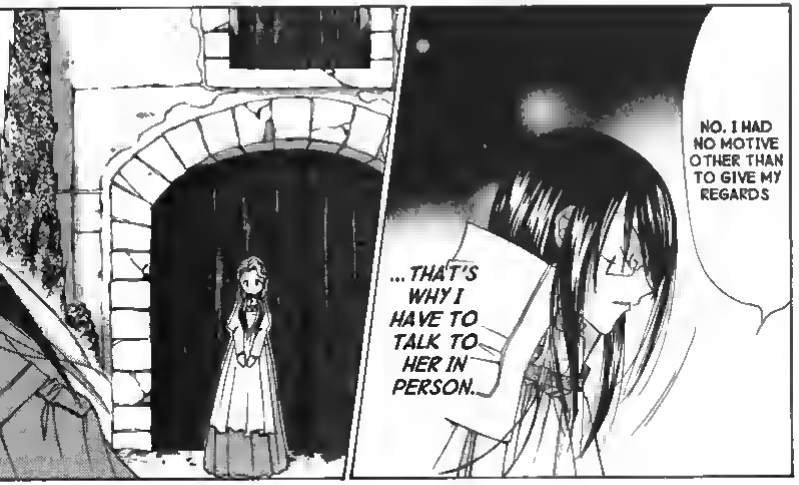

Heh
OF COURSE!
THE WONDERFUL LIFE THAT I'VE SHARED WITH YOU GUYS...
PLEASE DON'T CHANGE... PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME...
...AND I PROMISE ONE DAY I WILL RETURN.

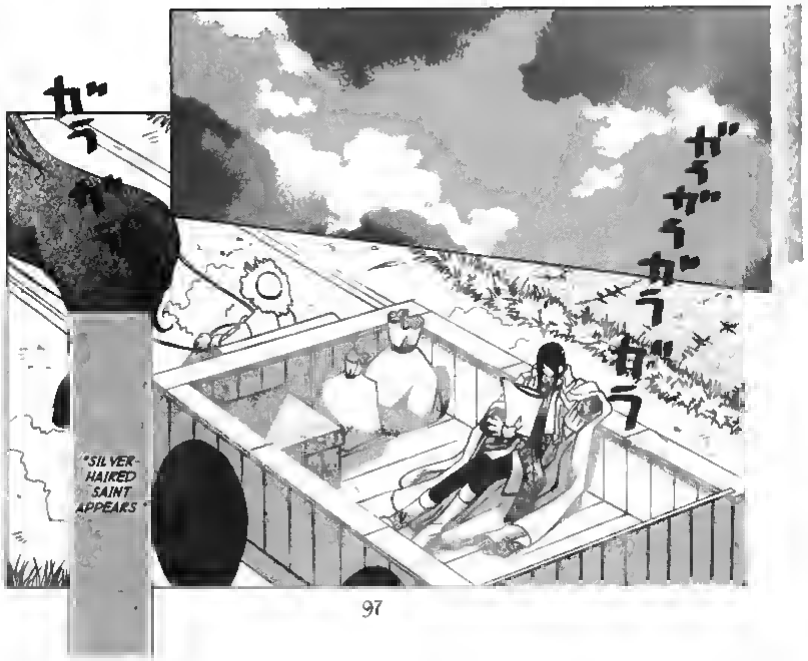

NO ONE THOUGHT FIVE YEARS WOULD PASS...
...WITHOUT THE MASTER WIZARD.
WE SOLELY STOOD OUR GROUND AGAINST FOREIGN LANDS, NOT PLACING AN INFERIOR MASTER WIZARD INTO THE POSITION LIKE A SCARECROW. BUT SADLY, WE STILL LACK THAT VITAL KEYSTONE OF OUR NATION.
Alba
Kaldea
Vasgarde
"VIEGALD MUST BE UP TO SOMETHING."
IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO LET OTHER COUNTRIES THINK THAT MAYBE THEY'D KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THE UNKNOWN
PERHAPS WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHY OUR PLAN WORKED. WERE WE JUST LUCKY? AT ANY RATE, FIVE YEARS PASSED WITHOUT WAR.

OF COURSE, THE PRESENCE OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS, UNDER VAITH, HAD TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
BUT NOW, VAITH...
I FEEL TERRIBLE THAT YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR NOTHING.
NOT AT ALL.
THE PLEASURE IS ENTIRELY MINE.
SHE CAME HOME RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION, BUT LEFT SOON AFTER WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER FACE FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS.
I ASSUME YOU MUST KNOW
...THAT SHE'S ON AN EXTENDED WORLD TREK.
I DO HEAR RUMORS, THOUGH.

SHE AND HER FATHER ARE JUST LIKE THAT-- NEVER SETTLING DOWN IN ANY ONE PLACE.
NOW HE OWNS HIS FARM AND DOESN'T TRAVEL MUCH ANYMORE.
HER BROTHER WAS LIKE THAT, TOO.
BUT HE STILL JUMPS OUT OF THE HOUSE WHENEVER HE HEARS ABOUT SOME NEW TECHNIQUE FOR RAISING PLANTS.
THAT'S WHY HE'S NOT IN NOW.
SILLY ME!
I'M SO SORRY! I JUST KEEP GOING ON AND ON ABOUT MY CHILDREN!
IT'S NO TROUBLE.
UM... WHAT...
WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE TO SEE ME?

OH, NOTHING.
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.
I REALLY SHOULD BE GOING NOW.
YOU'RE THE FIRST GUEST I'VE HAD WHO WOULDN'T TELL ME WHY HE'S HERE.
MANY PEOPLE HAVE COME TO ASK ME ABOUT HER.
OFTEN, THEY ACCUSE ME OF HIDING HER SOMEWHERE.
SOME OF THEM SAY TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT HER.
I...
.....
I RECENTLY DECIDED NOT TO SEE ANY MORE GUESTS OF HERS.


NO. I HAD NO MOTIVE OTHER THAN TO GIVE MY REGARDS
...THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO TALK TO HER IN PERSON.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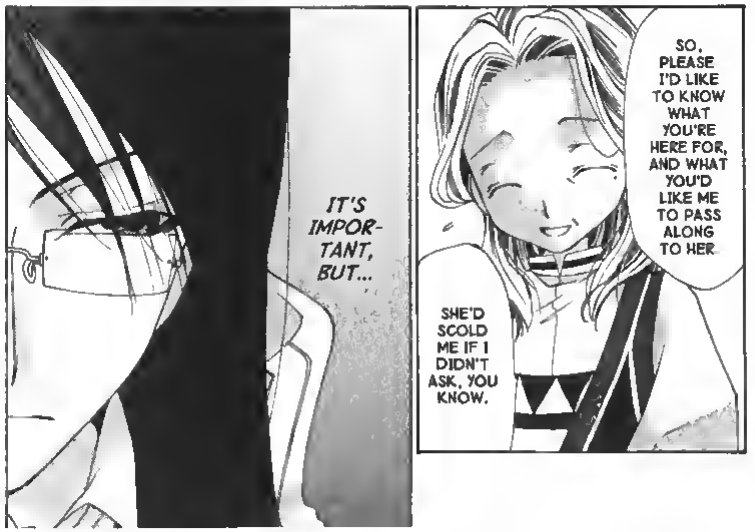
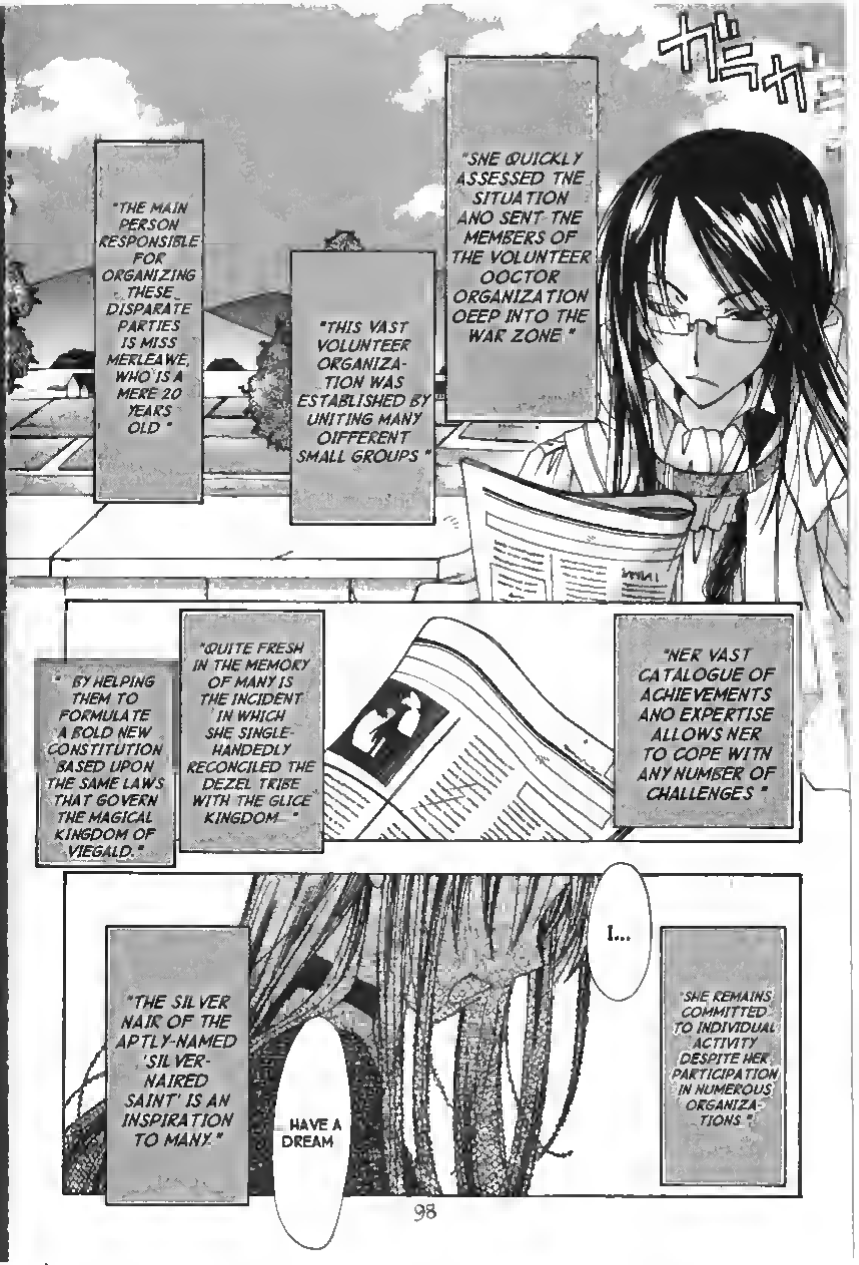
"SILVER-HAIRED SAINT APPEARS"

WAIT! WHEN I SAW YOU STANDING OUTSIDE MY DOOR .
.....
...I HAD A FEELING THAT YOU WERE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MEL'S.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I WILL LEAVE THIS INSTANT.
FORGIVE ME. I HAD NO IDEA.
OH...


IT'S IMPOR-TANT, BUT...
SHE'D SCOLD ME IF I DIDN'T ASK, YOU KNOW.
SO, PLEASE I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR, AND WHAT YOU'D LIKE ME TO PASS ALONG TO HER.

AND IT IS TO CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH EVERY PERSON ON THIS PLANET UNITES BY SIMPLY TAKING ONE ANOTHER'S HAND.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL SAY IT WOULD TAKE A MIRACLE OR THAT I WILL DESTROY THE WORLD BECAUSE I MUST BE A WITCH TO CLAIM SUCH A THING...
TRUE ENOUGH... I'M A WIZARD.
BUT MAGIC ALONE WON'T MAKE THIS DREAM COME TRUE.
BECAUSE...
...THIS MIRACLE MUST BE CREATED BY ALL PEOPLE REACHING OUT WITH THEIR HEARTS TO THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS.


"THE MAIN PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THESE DISPARATE PARTIES IS MISS MERLEAWE, WHO IS A MERE 20 YEARS OLD."
"THIS VAST VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY UNITING MANY DIFFERENT SMALL GROUPS."
"SHE QUICKLY ASSESSED THE SITUATION AND SENT THE MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER DOCTOR ORGANIZATION DEEP INTO THE WAR ZONE."
"BY HELPING THEM TO FORMULATE A BOLD NEW CONSTITUTION BASED UPON THE SAME LAWS THAT GOVERN THE MAGICAL KINGDOM OF VIEGALD."
"QUITE FRESH IN THE MEMORY OF MANY IS THE INCIDENT IN WHICH SHE SINGLE-HANDEDLY RECONCILED THE DEZEL TRIBE WITH THE GLICE KINGDOM."
"HER VAST CATALOGUE OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERTISE ALLOWS HER TO COPE WITH ANY NUMBER OF CHALLENGES."
"THE SILVER HAIR OF THE APTLY-NAMED 'SILVER-HAIRED SAINT' IS AN INSPIRATION TO MANY."
I...
HAVE A DREAM
"SHE REMAINS COMMITTED TO INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY DESPITE HER PARTICIPATION IN NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS."

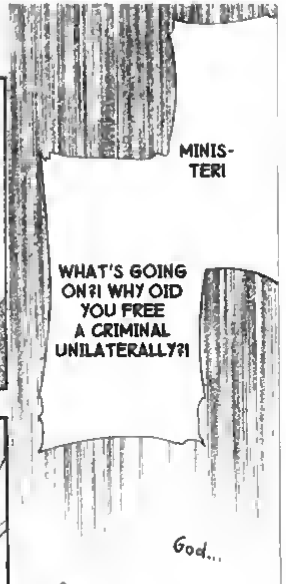
WELCOME BACK
HOW DID IT GO?
NO PROGRESS.
JUST THE SAME AS BEFORE.
I SEE...
MOVING ON, LET'S TALK ABOUT CALDIA.
WHERE ARE YOU, MEL?
...OF THE GRIM SITUATION FACING VIEGALD.

"SHE MADE THIS SPEECH AT THE COMET PALACE AFTER BEING INVITED THERE BY A STUDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TORUN..."
THREE YEARS AGO, SHE DELIVERED NEARLY THE SAME SPEECH AT HER OWN GRADUATION...
HOW SHY SHE WAS BEFORE...
BUT SHE HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN.
BUT NOW, SHE SOUNDS SUPREMELY CONFIDENT...
SHE TOOK ACTION TO TURN HER IDEALS INTO REALITY. THAT'S A SKILL IN ITSELF.
SHE MUST BE OUT THERE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE EVEN NOW
I WONDER IF SHE HAS ANY INKLING..

LECTO.
TAKE THIS.
HUH...?
WE NEED A NEW "MASTER WIZARD" FIGUREHEAD AT THE VERY LEAST.
AND WE ALSO MUST PREPARE OUR MILITARY FORCES AT ONCE.
WELL..
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
WHAT ...?!
I HEAD THE MAGICAL DEPARTMENT NOW.
AND I CANNOT ALLOW ANYONE TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLAN.
JUST DO IT.

...AN AMBITIOUS MAN LIKE THAT DESIRES PEACE.
IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE NEW KING SEIZED THE THRONE. I HAVE PRECIOUS LITTLE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT...
I SEE.
THOUGH OUR KINGDOM MAY BE SMALL, WE HAVE THE FORCE OF A LONG HISTORY OF DIPLOMATIC TREATIES AND RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.
ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION, THEY'VE BEEN ARMING THEIR BORDER WITH US.
SO, DO YOU THINK ...?!
IF THEY TAKE VIEGALD, IT WILL BE ALL TOO EASY TO TAKE OTHER COUNTRIES.
IF CALDIA DESIRES TERRITORIAL EXPANSION, NOW IS THE TIME FOR THEM TO ACT.

LET ME EAPLAIN ABOUT VAITH.
HE'S NO CRIMINAL. I MERELY PLACED HIM UNDER ARREST WHILE HE COOLED HIS HEAD AND COULD BE OF USE AGAIN.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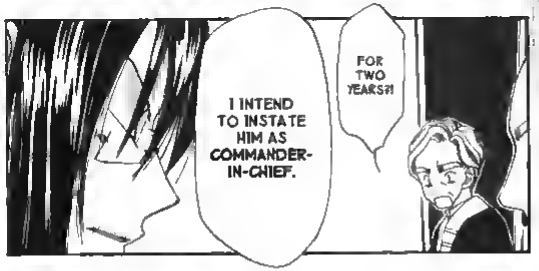
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY OID YOU FREE A CRIMINAL UNILATERALLY?!

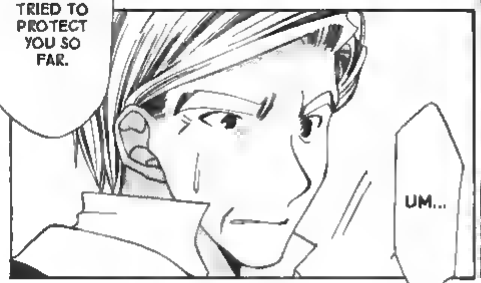

I INTEND TO INSTATE HIM AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
FOR TWO YEARS?!

I FAIL TO SEE WHAT'S SO STUPIO ABOUT IT.
STUPID IDEA?
THAT MAN --!
THAT'S A STUPID IDEA!!

God...
Be quiet...

AND YET TWO YEARS AGO...
WHEN VAITH INFORMED ME ABOUT HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER'S EMBEZZLEMENT OF FUNDS, SOMEBODY NOT ONLY ERASED THE PROOF, BUT ALSO BLAMED THE CRIME ON VAITH.
NE SINGLE-HANDEDLY TURNED A SILLY ORDER CALLED THE BLACK KNIGNTS INTO REAL KNIGNTS
NE HAS OUT-STANDING SKILLS

IT'S A FACT THAT YOU AND THE OFFICER IN QUESTION WERE CLOSE. YOU USED YOUR INFLUENCE TO REMOVE GENERAL VAITH FROM HIS POST.
I CAN PROVE IT ALL IF YOU WANT ME TO. BUT REMEMBER, I NAVE TRIED TO PROTECT YOU SO FAR.


UM...

MR. AGROS
THAT WAS YOU.
THERE'S NO PROOF OF SUCH A THING!

FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM SPOILING NATIONAL POLITICS WITH YOUR PETTY PRIVATE PREJUDICES!!
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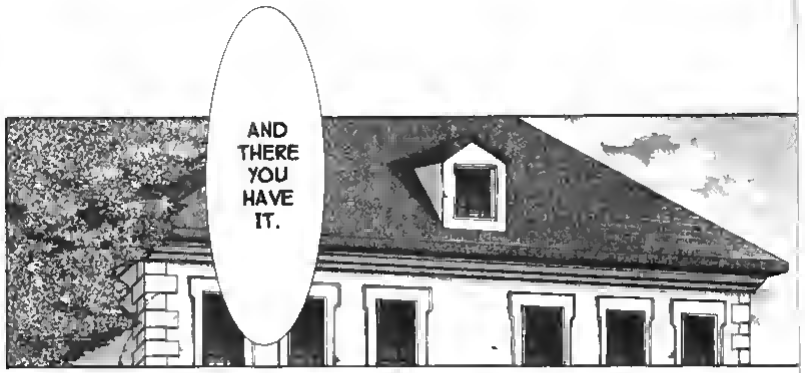
AND THERE YOU HAVE IT.

I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN...
...AGROS' FACE.
HE VIOLATED MY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS.
He deserved it.

SO.
ANYWAYS, IT WAS A NICE LONG HOLIDAY FOR ME
I GOT A CHANCE TO THINK A LOT OF THINGS OVER.
WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO CATCH UP ON?

WHY NOT?!
WHY?
DUNNO I WONDER

FIGHTING SEEMS WHOLLY WORTHLESS.
EVER SINCE SYLVIA DIED, I'VE BEEN WATCHING MY STEPS.
THOUGH THE STEPS HAVE BEEN MOSTLY STUMBLES, I HAVE TO WATCH MYSELF..

FOR A LONG TIME, YOU AND I HAVE WORKED HARD TO CONTAIN VIEGALD'S NUMEROUS PROBLEMS...
BUT...

...SO I WON'T GET INJURED.
...SO THAT I WON'T FALL DOWN..

CALDIA IS ON THE MOVE.
I ASK YOU TO BECOME COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
THAT BAD, HUH...?

WELL, I HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT...
...I CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT THAT POSITION.

YOU MEAN TO PROVE SUCH A THING WITH THESE PAPERS?!
RHEEZE-MENTH
WHEN I WAS ARRESTED
HOW DARE YOU?!
ANYONE MIGHT LIST OFF HIS MANY GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS!
THAT MAN IS A GRAND PERSONAGE!
SELBA?
AND YOUR NORMAL CONDUCT CONSISTS OF GETTING DRUNK AT BARS!
YOU WERE THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF SELBA'S TERRIBLE RIOTS!
WE MUST CALL YOU INTO QUESTION!
MR. AGROS.
GENERAL VAITH!

WHAT IS THERE TO PROTECT NOW?!
I'M LOST WITHOUT SOMEONE TO LEAD ME! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ANYMORE!
I CAN'T FIGHT FOR WHAT I NO LONGER UNDER-STAND!
!

I TRUST YOU, VAITH.
YOU DON'T NEED ME TO OVERSEE YOU.
TAKE CARE OF THINGS IN YOUR OWN WAY
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS
BUT I CAN'T STEP FORWARD ANYMORE.
HIS PERMISSION WAS WHAT I NEEDED TO GO TO WAR.
THAT'S WHAT SILTHFARN TOLD ME BEFORE I LEFT FOR SELTA.
PLEASE...
...SOMEONE...
...LIGHT MY WAY...

ALLOW ME TO POINT OUT GENERAL VAITH'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS
HE'S ACHIEVED AN EQUAL NUMBER OF--
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
ANYONE CAN TELL FROM HIS BEHAVIOR THAT HE DOESN'T REGARD HIS POSITION WITH SUFFICIENT GRAVITY!
WHAT WENT WRONG TO CAUSE THIS ARGUMENT?!
I JUST DID SOMETHING RIGHT, DIDN'T I?
WHAT DO THEY WANT ME TO DO?

BUT, I STILL HAVE —
EH?!
YOU ARE DISMISSED FOR THE DAY.
I NEED TIME TO THINK.
ALONE.
OH!
SIR! WELCOME BACK!
"WHAT IT'S ALL FOR"...?
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
I UNDERSTAND.

...WHEN I LOST MY JOB...
YOU KNOW..
I NO LONGER CARE...
..WHAT'S RIGHT OR WHAT IT'S ALL FOR.
I'M JUST TIRED OF EVERYTHING

...WHAT I FELT WAS MOSTLY RELIEF.

"YOU FAILED."
"HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE CONTRACT OF BEING HIS MASTER'S SHADOW."
"WHAT AN EMBARRASS-MENT YOU ARE."
"HIS MASTER DIED BEFORE HIM?"
PLEASE STOP!
"WE WISH YOU HADN'T COME HOME TO EMBARRASS US."

VAITH, I OFTEN DON'T KNOW MYSELF.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED YOU TO FIGHT.

HELLO.
YES.
THAT'S RIGHT.
UM, I'M...
I'M GONNA BECOME A BODY DOUBLE SOON MYSELF
YOU USED TO BE A BODY DOUBLE, RIGHT?

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...MY FRIEND?
WILL HE BE...
YOUR...
...FRIEND?
"LET US BECOME FRIENDS!"

ARE YOU NERV-OUS?
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YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
YEAH.
YOU MIGHT BE SCARED AT FIRST ...
...BUT REMEMBER, YOUR MASTER WILL BE A KID JUST LIKE YOU.
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I'M SURE HE'LL BE KIND TO YOU AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU.

!!
LANI! COME OVER HERE!
MOM?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
OH... SORRY ABOUT BECOMING FRIENDS...

FERN!
?
WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM?!
DO YOU WANT HIM TO BECOME JUST LIKE YOU?!

I LOST...
...MY ONLY STAR...
...MY ONLY FRIEND.

OR ANYWHERE UNDER THE SKY THAT ONCE SHELTERED ME.
EVEN HERE WHERE I GREW UP...
...I WILL ALWAYS BE ALONE.
CREAK
JUST WHAT?!
NO ...! I JUST .
WHY SHOULD HE LISTEN TO SOME-ONE LIKE YOU. .
...WHO WAS ABAN-DONED BY HIS MASTER?!
AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW...
I HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, AND MY PEOPLE HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON ME AS WELL.

OH, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I JUST GOT HOME, SIR.
FERN?
DID SOMEONE BOTHER YOU AGAIN?

I'VE TALKED TO THEM SO MANY TIMES!
DON'T LET THEM BOTHER YOU
THIS KIND OF THING IS BOUND TO KEEP OCCURRING.
WHAT A SURPRISING MAN THE MASTER WIZARD WAS.
...UNSEALED THE "SHADOW" SPELL BY HIMSELF.
NOT ONLY DID HE DISAPPEAR AND DIE BY HIMSELF...
...BUT HE ALSO...

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU NEVER TO DOUBT YOUR MASTER?!
HAVE YOU FORSAKEN HIM BECAUSE HE DIED WITHOUT YOU?
BUT ...
BUT ...
HOW CAN I BELIEVE IN A MASTER...
...WHO DIED WITHOUT ME?!

YOU SERVED AN AMAZING PERSON.
ELDER...
W-WAS I...
...ABANDONED BY MY MASTER?

IF ONLY I'D DIED...
I SHOULD HAVE DIED, TOO!
IF I DIED...
DO YOU REALLY..
...I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL LIKE THIS.
...THINK SO?
"THAT'S OKAY. IT'S FINE!"
.....!

AHH...
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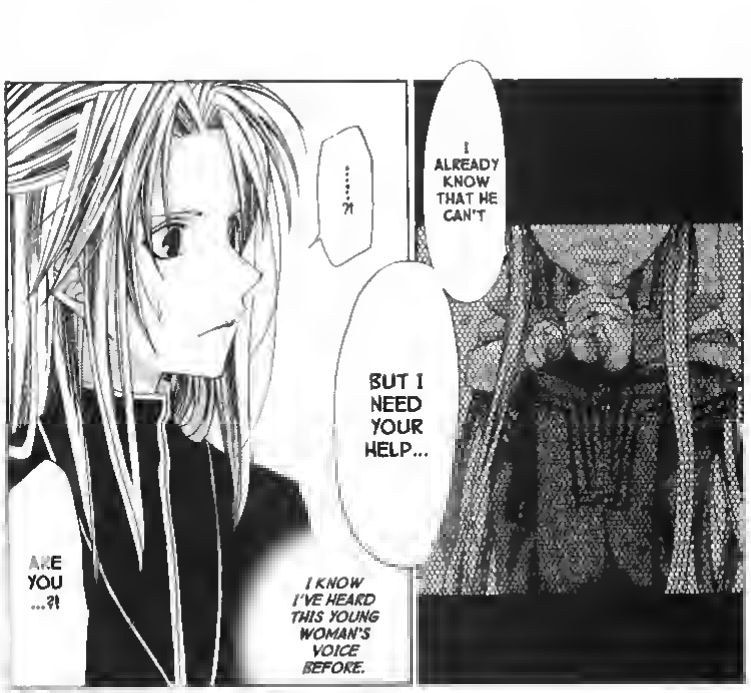
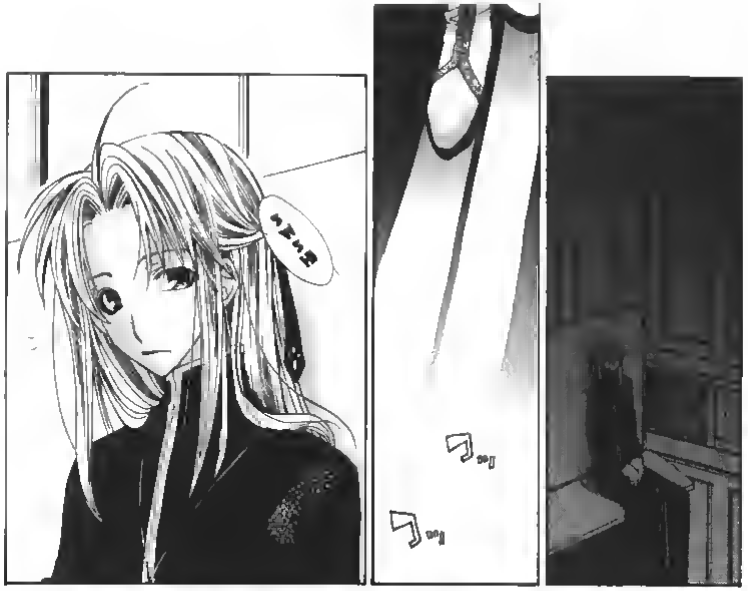
"I WILL BE YOUR VERY FIRST FRIEND AND WE'LL BE BEST FRIENDS FROM NOW ON!"
OHH...
hic
sob
IT...
AGH...
AGHHHHH!!
...HURTS TOO MUCH...
...SYLTH!

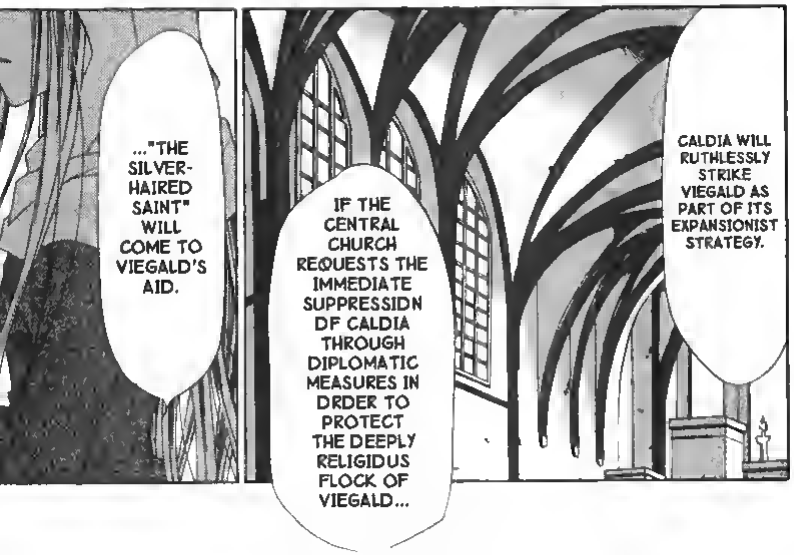
WHY DID YOU DIE WITHOUT ME?!
WHY...
IT HURTS, SYLTH!

...HE CAN TRUST TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO AGAIN.

THIS BOY WILL NEVER HEAL IF HE'S LEFT LIKE THIS.
HE NEEDS A NEW MASTER.
A NEW MASTER...


ARE YOU ...?!
I ALREADY KNOW THAT HE CAN'T
BUT I NEED YOUR HELP...
I KNOW I'VE HEARD THIS YOUNG WOMAN'S VOICE BEFORE.




..."THE SILVER-HAIRED SAINT" WILL COME TO VIEGALD'S AID.
IF THE CENTRAL CHURCH REQUESTS THE IMMEDIATE SUPPRESSIDN DF CALDIA THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEASURES IN DRDER TO PROTECT THE DEEPLY RELIGIDUS FLOCK OF VIEGALD...
CALDIA WILL RUTHLESSLY STRIKE VIEGALD AS PART OF ITS EXPANSIONIST STRATEGY.

EH?
...THE PEDPLE WHD ARE SUFFERING IN COUNTRIES TORN BY CIVIL WAR?
CAN GOD HELP...
BEGIN YOUR CONFESSION NOW...
PLEASE

SILVER HAIR ..
AND THAT VOICE ...
SHE'S NOT HERE...
"THE SILVER-HAIRED SAINT" ...?
MERLEAWE?!

!
KLAK
IT'S HER! THIS VOICE IS...!
PLEASE DELIVER THIS LETTER...
...TO ARCHBISHOP TALANTIUS AT HEADQUARTERS.

I, GENERAL LENOLORA ..
AM AT YOUR COMMAND, KING
YOU SURE YOU GOT ALL MY WORDS?
THAT'S IT.
CAN I COUNT ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL HANOS NOT TO WANOER FROM THEIR TARGET?
...THE HEAO OF VIEGALD'S MAGICAL MINISTRY, A MR. ALISTELA-FORD?
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE AN ACQUAIN-TANCE OF ..

Caldia
YOUR TIRED MAGICAL KINGDOM IS HOPELESSLY BEHIND THE TIMES.
YOU CAN'T EVEN CHOSE A NEW MASTER WIZARD AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
WHAT A SILLY, DECADENT COUNTRY.
WE OEMANO AN IMMEOIATE ABDICATION OF YOUR KING ANO THAT YOU TURN YOUR ENTIRE COUNTRY OVER TO US.
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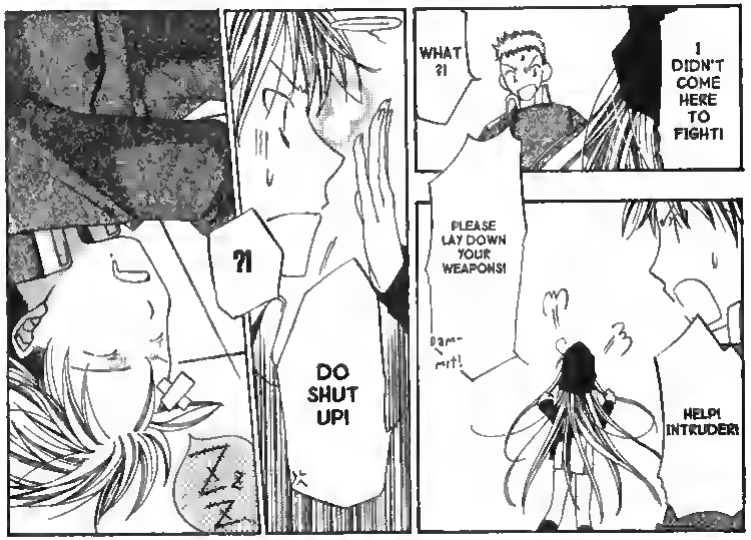
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DO SHUT UP!
WHAT ?!
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT!
PLEASE LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPONS!
HELP! INTRUDER!

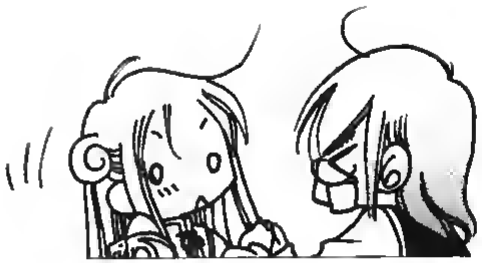
A SPY?
I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE THIS DISTURBANCE.

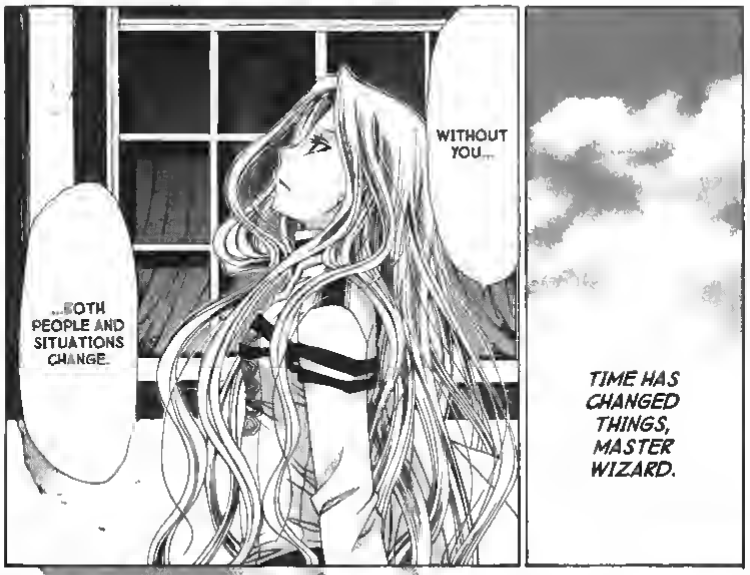
THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME...
...TO CUT UNWANTED TIES WITH THAT FOOLISH WIZARD AND TO SATISFY MY PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST MR. ALISTELA-FORD.
...REMOVING ANY OBSTACLES FROM THE PATH OF CALDIA'S KING.
THESE BEAUTIFUL HANDS WERE MADE SOLELY FOR..
?
I SEE.

Last Episode

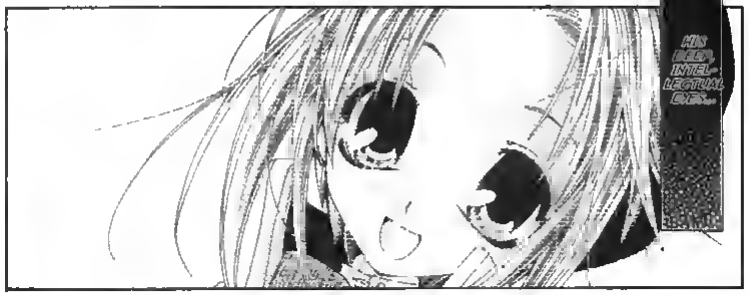
OH!
GENERAL LENOLORA!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
GEN ERAL
OH!
?!
YOU...!

GALDIA'S—
LOOK...
...FEMALE GENERAL.





"WILL YOU PROMISE TO KEEP OUR COUNTRIES ALLIES..."



"...EVEN AFTER I'M GONE?"

I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO BE RUDE TO MY GUEST.
CALM DOWN, DIPLOMAS!
...THAT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A MESSENGER?
IS YOUR COUNTRY SO DISORGANIZED...
WHA?!
コッ!

...WHEN I FIRST ENTERED THE CITY.
I CLEARLY REMEMBER ANNOUNCING THAT I HAVE COME TO DELIVER A SOVEREIGN MESSAGE...
RIGHT
A FRIGHTENED RABBIT
HE'S LIKE...
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WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?!
H-HOW RUDE OF YOU TO BURST IN HERE WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING!
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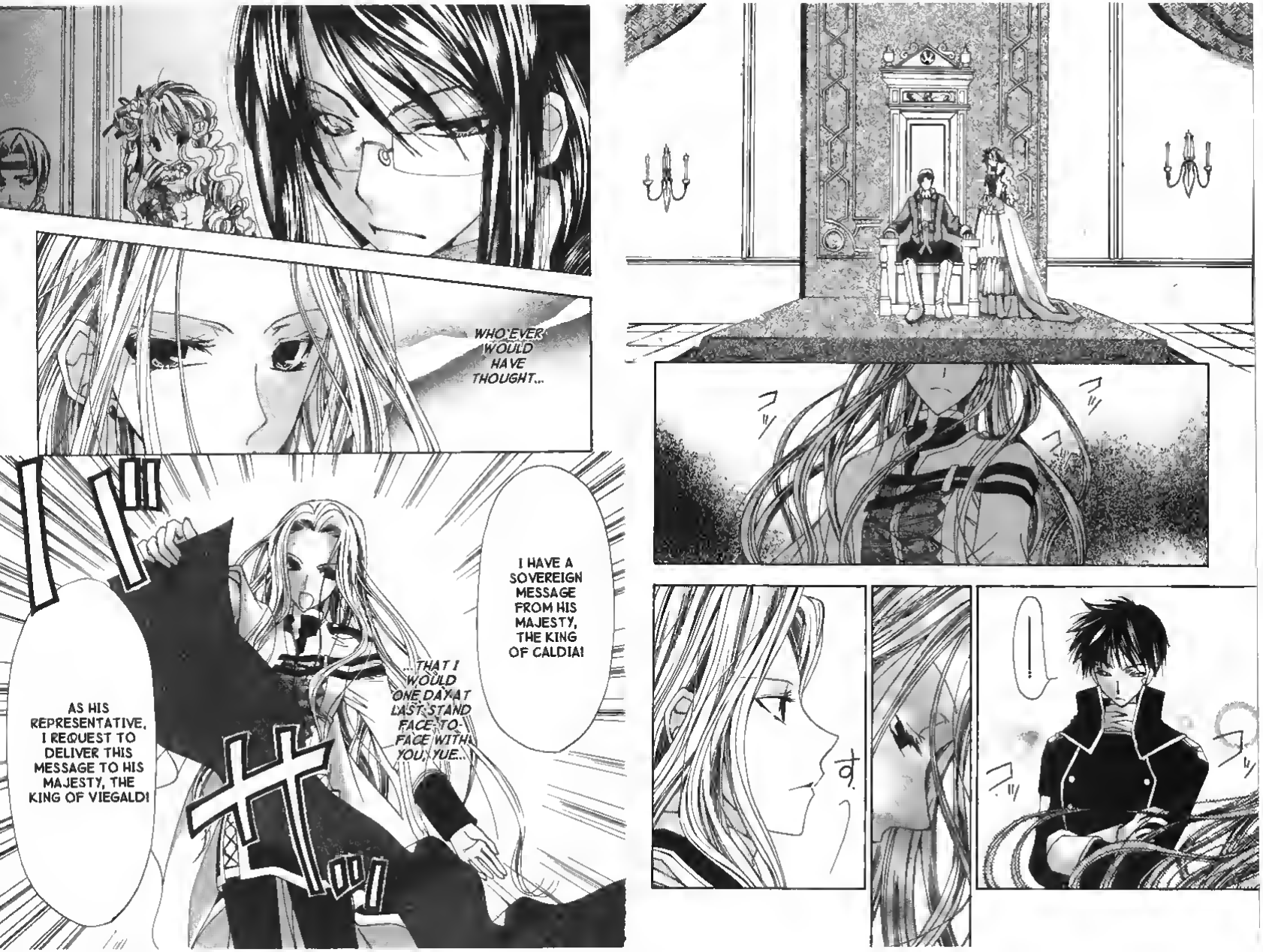
I DO WISH YOU HAD BROUGHT PRINCESS FIA LUKA WITH YOU LIKE YOU USED TO
SHE MUST BE EVEN MORE GRACEFUL NOW THAT SHE IS A MARRIED WOMAN.
SHE'S GROWN UP IN BODY AND MIND.
I DO NOPE I CAN KEEP UP WITH..
...YOUR HIGHLY INTELLIGENT WORDS ON MY OWN TODAY.
PLEASE...
...COME THIS WAY.

ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY SERVANT'S MOST UNPLEASANT WELCOME
PRIN-CESS!
PRINCESS SERAPHIA?
PLEASE FORGIVE US.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YOU'VE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN
THANK YOU
BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND YOU ARRIVED WITH SO MANY PEOPLE..
I'M AFRAID EVERYONE WAS QUITE SURPRISED


WHO EVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT...
I HAVE A SOVEREIGN MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF CALDIA!
AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE, I REQUEST TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF VIEGALD!
...THAT I WOULD ONE DAY AT LAST STAND FACE-TO-FACE WITH YOU, YUE...
!

NO!
WH--!!
OTHER-WISE...
I'M AFRAID THAT WE SHALL BE FORCED TO FULLY EMPLOY OUR ARMED FORCES.
WE WOULD BE MOST WILLING TO TALK.
GENERAL
HASN'T CALDIA GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION?
DON'T BABBLE ON ABOUT PRIVATE MATTERS! THIS IS POLITICS!
I'M VERY DISAP-POINTED
I WANTED TO SEE YOU PANICKED.
DAMN! WHAT A LET DOWN!

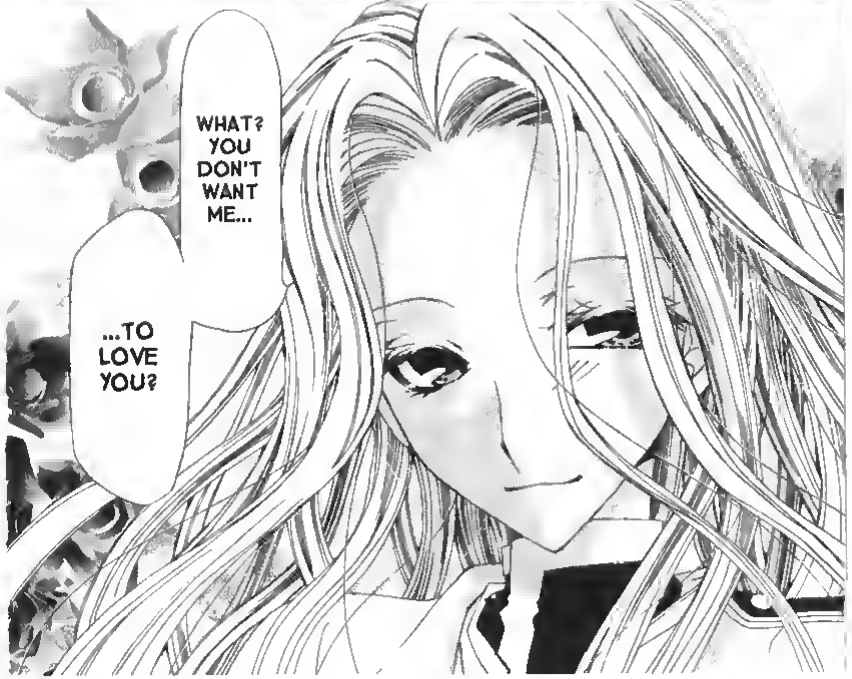
YOUR TIRED MAGICAL KINGDOM IS HOPELESSLY BEHIND THE TIMES.
YOU CAN'T EVEN CHOSE A NEW MASTER WIZARD AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
WE ARE BOUND BY A TRAGIC TIE.
WHAT A SILLY, DECADENT COUNTRY.
WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE ABDICATION OF YOUR KING AND THAT YOU TURN YOUR ENTIRE COUNTRY OVER TO US.

I LOVE YOU, YUE.
I...
?!!
ONCE, IT WAS PAINFUL TO EVEN BE NEAR YOU.
SO I MOVED FAR, FAR AWAY TO CALDIA.
THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVED YOU.
OHH
WHA...?!
WHA ?!

? ? ?
SO I SUPPOSE I BETTER CONFESS IT NOW
WELL, DEPENDING ON OUR NEGOTIATIONS TODAY, THIS MAY BE THE LAST CHANCE WE GET TO DISCUSS THEM.
PRIVATE MATTERS?

YOUR MAJESTY.
I HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO TELL YOU.
WHAT IS IT?
YES...

Someone else's problem
It's a real waste to keep her as an enemy
WOW, SHE'S COOL.
WHY IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS... NOW?!
Y--
YOU...
YOU!!


WHAT? YOU DON'T WANT ME...
...TO LOVE YOU?

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CLINK
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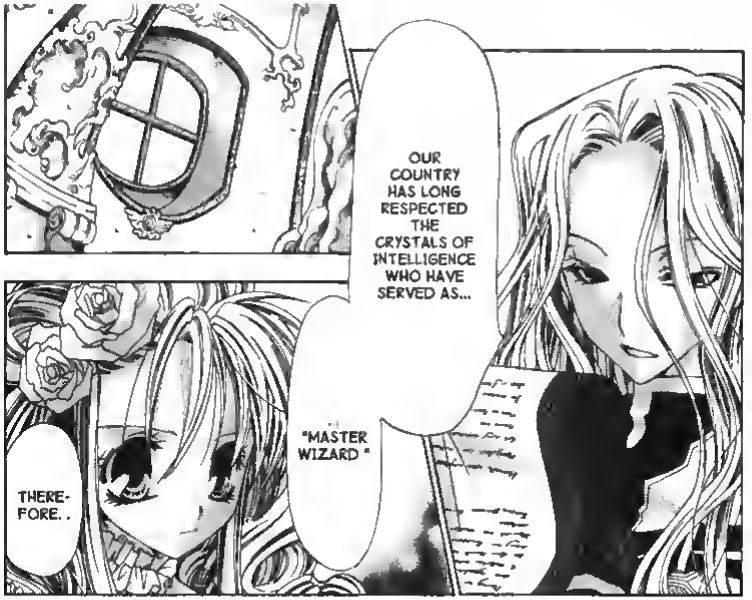
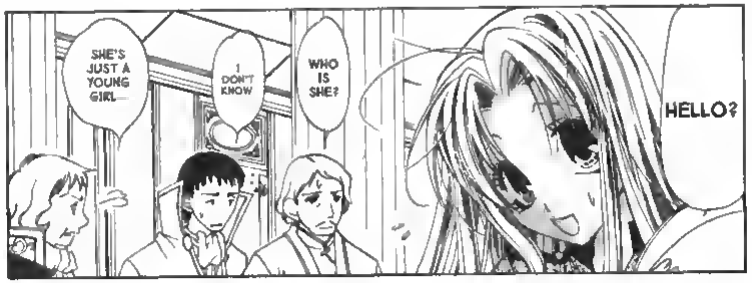
WHO IS CALDIA'S CANDIDATE FOR MASTER WIZARD?


OUR COUNTRY HAS LONG RESPECTED THE CRYSTALS OF INTELLIGENCE WHO HAVE SERVED AS...
"MASTER WIZARD"
THEREFORE..

ARE THEY TRYING TO INSTALL A PUPPET?
IF YOU DECIDE TO REPLACE..
..THE "CRYSTAL OF INTELLIGENCE" WITH WHOMEVER OUR COUNTRY SO THOROUGHLY RECOMMENDS
...WE WILL ONCE MORE FOLLOW YOUR LEAD WITH SAID RESPECT.

WHAT?
IS THAT THE CANDI-DATE?
BUT ...
THAT'S ...
...A GIRL?
?
?
LET'S NOT TEASE THEM. SHOW YOUR FACE.
EH?
I'M NOT TEASING THEM
BUT!
THIS IS HEAVY...
THERE...
..WE...
...GO!

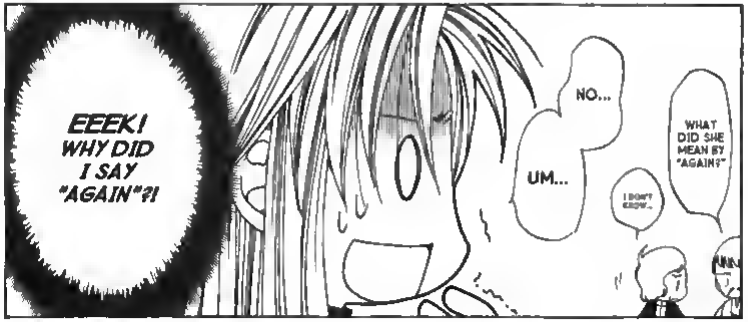

SHE'S JUST A YOUNG GIRL...
I DON'T KNOW
WHO IS SHE?
HELLO?

ME?... I LEAVE?!
Y--
YES, SIR!
Wah!

SIGH...
FINALLY, IT CAME OFF.
It must be hard to wear all the time...
OH!
UM...

IF THE SILVER-HAIRED SAINT BECOMES THE MASTER WIZARD...
...THEN...
...WE MAY NOT HAVE TO GO TO WAR.
THE KING OF CALDIA IS TRYING TO TEST VIEGALD...
WE CANNOT EXTINGUISH THEIR DESIRE FOR WAR FULLY, THOUGH.
BUT...
...IT COULD BE A TEMPO-RARY MEASURE.
WHEN YOU FIND A MORE APPROPRIATE PERSON...
...I WILL QUIT AGAIN.
AGAIN?

I...
I'M SORRY!!
I KNEW I'D STILL BE SCARED OF YUE!!!
I ONLY WANTED TO STOP THE WAR.
I SPENT A LOT OF TIME RUNNING AROUND
THE KING OF CALDIA WAS PRETTY TOUGH TO GET AHOLD OF..
WELL
OKAY
I HAD NO CHOICE AND SO OFF I WENT TO CALDIA.
...TO TALK TO HIM.


EEEK! WHY DID I SAY "AGAIN"?!
NO...
UM...
WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY "AGAIN?"
I DON'T KNOW..

YOU'RE FRANK AS EVER.
PRIN CESS ..?
Hee hee.

HA HA!

I WILL GLADLY COME BACK TO MY JOB...
...IF I'M UNDER HER!
VAITH?
EXCELLENT! SHE'S OUR MASTER WIZARD NOW!
HA HA HA!

Y-YES!
IN THE END...
LONG TIME NO SEE!
VAITH..
VAITH
You had better learn how to be more reserved.

PLUS...
IT'S AN EASY SOLUTION, ISN'T IT?
ONCE WE APPOINT HER MASTER WIZARD, WE WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANYMORE.
SYLTHFARN WAS JUST LIKE HER, WASN'T HE?
FOR SYLTHFARN, "EVERYONE" AND "THE COUNTRY" WERE ONE AND THE SAME.
HE WOULD HAVE DONE..
...EXACTLY THE SAME THING THAT MERLEAWE IS DOING HERE.

OH! UM!
MERLEAWE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD TAKE OVER SYLTHFARN'S JOB...
UM...
...WASN'T SHE?

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER FOR OUR COUNTRY!
WE CANNOT DECIDE JUST LIKE THAT--
YUE...
YOU ALREADY KNOW THE FACTS, DON'T YOU?

WILL YOU BECOME OUR NEW MASTER WIZARD?

MY NAME IS..
...MER-LEAWE.
MY...
WILL YOU TELL US YOUR NAME?
SILVER-HAIRED SAINT..
FOR MANY COUNTRIES
NO
FOR OUR COUNTRY
MISS MERLEAWE
...I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ASK YOU

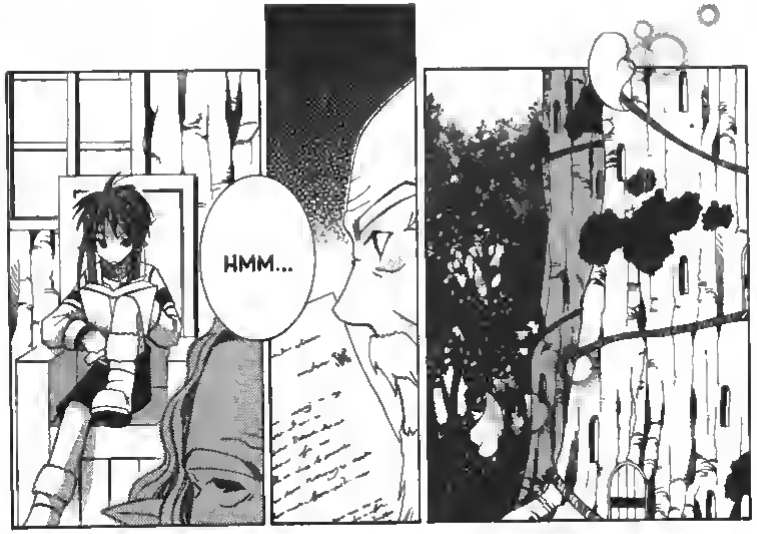
...STAY CLOSE TO EVERYONE NOW?
I WOULD BE HONORED TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.
MASTER WIZARD...?
CAN I...
YES.

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

OH?
YUE ...?
ARE YOU SMILING?
DON'T BE SHY!
LENO-LORA.
Damn. Have I been acting silly all day.?

INCREDIBLE.
THAT YOUNG GIRL...
...REALLY DID SAVE VIEGALD FROM GRAVE DANGER
WHAT KIND OF SPECIAL SKILLS DOES THE SILVER-HAIRED SAINT POSSESS?
YES
GLENN?

NO ...
I WILL SEE HER AGAIN SOON.
THANK YOU!
THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING AGAIN!
WELCOME BACK!


HMM...

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A NEW MASTER WIZARD HAS BEEN SELECTED.

I'VE NEVER MET THEM BEFORE.
WELL, I DON'T KNOW.
WHO IS IT?
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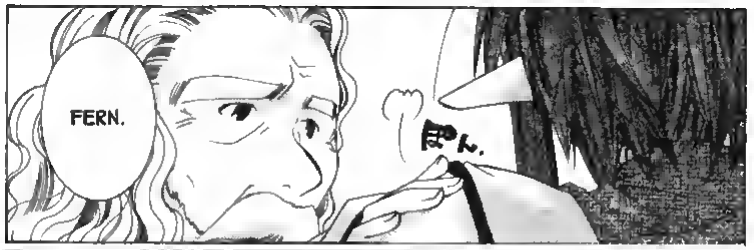
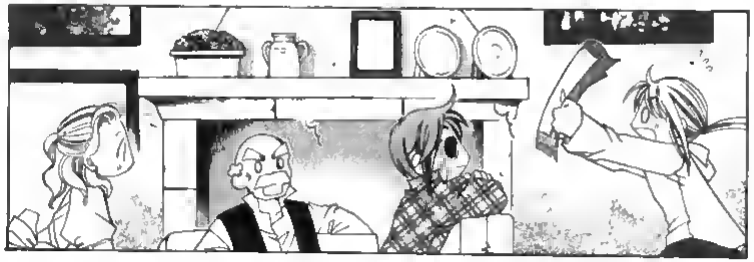
SHE WAS...
...JUST A NORMAL GIRL...
...ARCH-BISHOP.



EVEN THOUGH I MAY BE FAR AWAY FROM YOU.

"BIG BROTHER EDEL! BIG BROTHER EDEL!"
"I WANNA BE A WIZARD SOMEDAY!"
"MEL! WOW! THAT'S AMAZING!!"
"REALLY?"
"I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!"
"YOU'LL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST WIZARDS EVER!"



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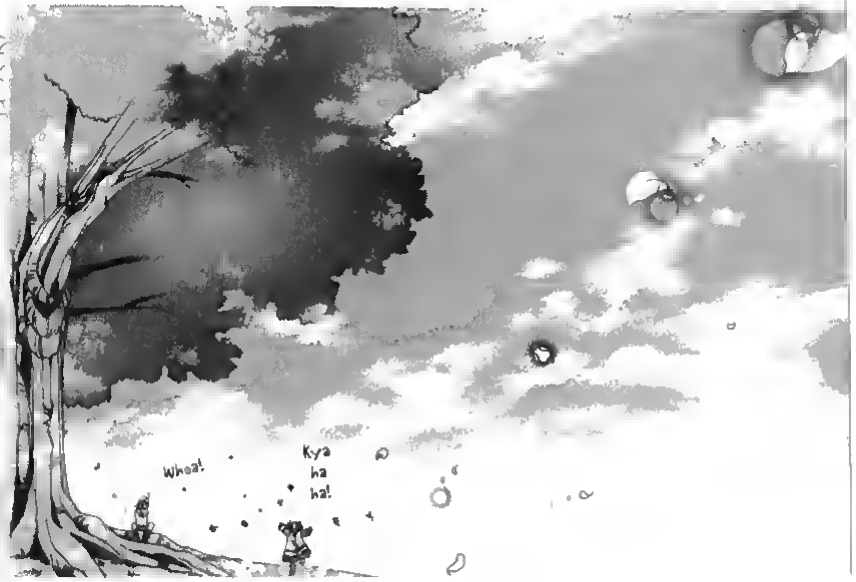
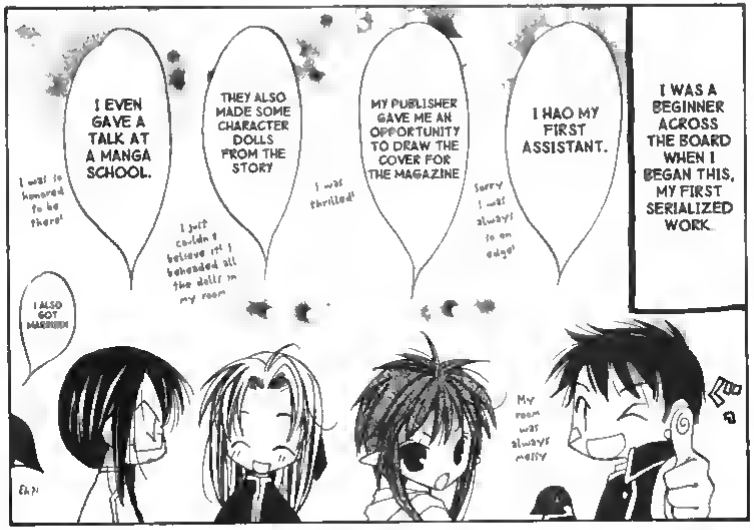

Whoa!
Kya ha ha!

"I KNOW
YOU CAN
DO IT!"
The End


I WAS A BEGINNER ACROSS THE BOARD WHEN I BEGAN THIS, MY FIRST SERIALIZED WORK.
I HAD MY FIRST ASSISTANT.
MY PUBLISHER GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THE COVER FOR THE MAGAZINE
THEY ALSO MADE SOME CHARACTER DOLLS FROM THE STORY
I EVEN GAVE A TALK AT A MANGA SCHOOL.
I WAS SO HONORED TO BE THERE!
I JUST COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! I BEHEADED ALL THE DOLLS IN MY ROOM
I WAS THRILLED!
SORRY I WAS ALWAYS SO ON EDGE!
I ALSO GOT MARRIED!!
EH?!
MY ROOM WAS ALWAYS MESSY

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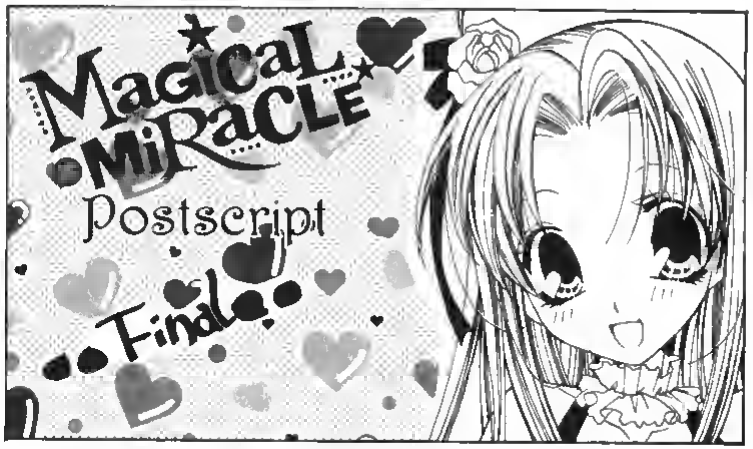
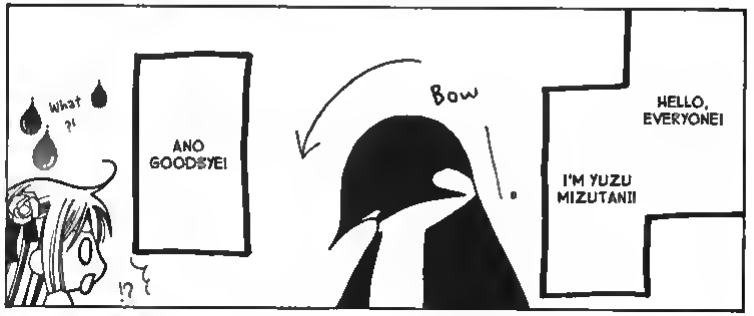
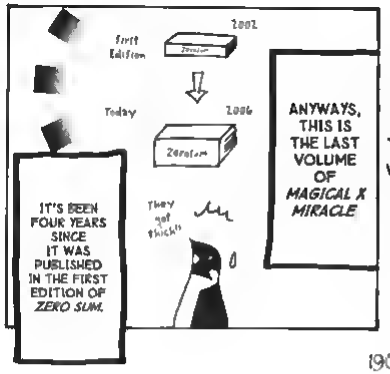
There were some people who became mothers and still others who became adults! Congratulations!
The junior high girls who started reading this story way back when have now become high school girls!

ANO OF COURSE, THANKS TO MY EDITOR THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME WRITE HOWEVER I WANTED!



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2006
IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FIRST EDITION OF ZERO SUM.
They got thick!!
ANYWAYS, THIS IS THE LAST VOLUME OF MAGICAL X MIRACLE

I'm sorry for not maturing fast enough!
YOU'RE OBNOXIOUS 'TIL THE END!
YOU'RE AN AOULT NOW, YOU KNOW
HAVE YOU GROWN UP A LITTLE BIT AS A HUMAN BEING?

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN MY NEW MANGA!

SPECIAL THANKS

MY EDITOR

CHERRY-CHAN

YASUKA-CHAN

MY SISTER

THANK YOU! SO MUCH, EVERYONE!
THIS BOOK EXISTS ONLY WITH THE EFFORT ANO SUPPORT OF ALL KINOS OF PEOPLE.
ALL MY FANS WHO TOLO ME *MAGICAL X MIRACLE* CHEEREO YOU UP-- YOU TRULY MOTIVATED ME WITH YOUR KINO WORDS!

2006fall

YUZU MIZUTANI

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YEP. MEL IS GOING TO DO JUST FINE WITH HER OLD FRIENDS

WHEN THE MASTER WIZARD OF VIEGALD GOES MISSING, HIS TOP AIDES KIDNAP A LOOK-ALIKE TO TAKE HIS PLACE UNTIL HE RETURNS. THE HAPLESS LOOK-ALIKE, WIZARDING STUDENT MERLEAWE, EMBRACES THE TASK. THOUGH SHE MAY BE AN IMPERFECT IMPOSTER, SHE BECOMES A FINE FRIEND AND EVENTUALLY A WIZARD IN HER OWN RIGHT. READ ALL OF MEL AND COMPANY'S ADVENTURES IN ALL SIX VOLUMES OF *MAGICAL X MIRACLE!*

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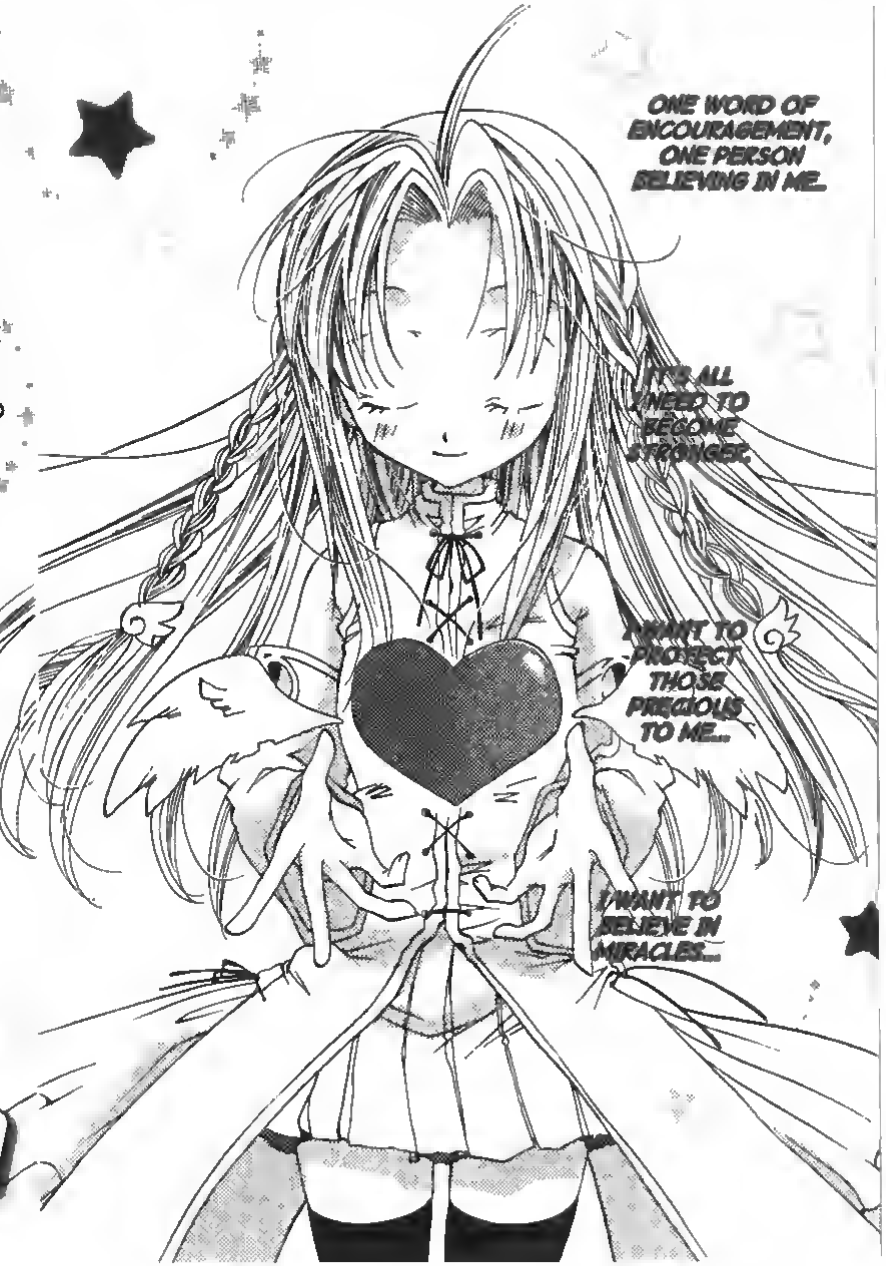
ONE WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT, ONE PERSON BELIEVING IN ME...
IT'S ALL I NEED TO BECOME STRONGER.
I WANT TO PROTECT THOSE PRECIOUS TO ME...
I WANT TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES...

Mel at twenty years old

Bonus

Everyone's astrological signs

Merizawe	Cancer
Sylthfarn	Sagittarius
Vaith	Gemini
Fern	Aquarius
Glenn	Taurus
Yue	Scorpio
Seraphia	Scorpio
Francis	Aquarius
Edel	Leo
Leeto	Pisces

I had fun assigning their signs.

bye bye!!

Sillsfern

height → 154cm

hair → Violet Silver

eyes → Pale Blue

blood type → B

My Sort-of Report

BOW
HELLO I'M YUZU MIZUTANI
I ONCE HAD A CURLING IRON COLLECTING DUST IN MY CLOSET.
...AND FINALLY, IT BECAME USEFUL!
Doh!
THE SEASON TURNED TO AUTUMN...
BUT, THE NEAR YEAR...
Such nice curls!
curly
Wow!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR USING SOMETHING CALLED A "HAIR IRON."
Back to the closet
...I HAD TO CUT MY HAIR SHORT DUE TO THE EXTREME HEAT DAMAGE.

I'm sorry to drag th... silly story out 'til the very end.

SOON I'M GOING ON A LONG-AWAITED JOURNEY TO THE SEA.

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